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THE 30TH CENTURY GLOBAL WAR HAD DIVIDED THE EARTH INTO TWO ENEMY CAMPS! BUT THEN, LIKE AN AVENGING CRACK OF DOOM, A MYSTERIOUS FORCE REALLY SPLIT THE PLANETARY SPHERE IN TWO! ODDLY ENOUGH, THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE GREAT CATASTROPHE WAS AN EARTH-MAN--WHO HAD NEVER SEEN THE EARTH!

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FROM A DISTANT STAR, ELA AND JYM FURNES TRAVEL FASTER THAN LIGHT TOWARD OUR SOLAR SYSTEM...
ALL OUR LIVES WE'VE WANTED TO SEE EARTH, JYM!
I CAN REMEMBER THE FIRST SCHOOL BOOKS WE USED ON ZEON, ELA--WITH THE BEAUTIFUL PICTURES OF EARTH...
JOURNEYING TO EARTH, WHICH WE'VE NEVER ACTUALLY SEEN, IS LIKE GOING HOME, ISN'T IT, JYM?
YES, BECAUSE OUR FORE-FATHERS CAME FROM THERE LONG AGO! IT IS OUR REAL HOME!
WE WERE BORN ON ZEON.. WE WERE MARRIED THERE... BUT WE'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF RETURNING TO EARTH SOME DAY...
I CAN'T WAIT FOR US TO SEE EARTH WITH OUR OWN EYES, JYM!
TO CELEBRATE MY "HOMECOMING", I'M GOING TO GIVE EARTH THIS UNIQUE METAL I DISCOVERED ON ZEON!
JYM, THE IONIC CLOUD IS THINNING OUT..! IN A FEW MOMENTS EARTH WILL BE VISIBLE...
YES, IT'S APPEARING NOW... I CAN SEE THE CONTINENTAL OUTLINES OF NORTH AMERICA--GREAT SOL! ELA--LOOK!
WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO THE EARTH? I SEE ONLY HALF A PLANET!
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PUZZLED AND BEWILDERED BY THE STRANGE SPECTACLE, THE YOUNG COUPLE PREPARES FOR A LANDING...

WE'RE ON THE DESCENT, ELA. ADJUST YOUR SAFETY SUIT...

SHORTLY, THE STARSHIP SAFELY LANDS...

NOW TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HALF THE EARTH.

NOT LONG AFTER, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE EARTH SCIENCE BUREAU, TO WHOM THE PAIR HAS REPORTED...

YES, EARTH HAS BEEN SPLIT IN TWO. YOU VISITORS FROM THE TENTH GALAXY ARE THE FIRST ARRIVALS TO OUR HALF-PLANET SINCE THE ***GREAT DIVIDE!*** BUT I'D BETTER START AT THE BEGINNING SO YOU'LL UNDERSTAND...

"AS YOU KNOW, THIS CENTURY SAW THE RISE OF A WAR-MINDED PEOPLE ON THE OTHER HEMISPHERE OF OUR WORLD--***THE MAGYONS...***"

GENERAL KUM OTAW WINS ELECTION!

SO A ***MAGYON*** HAS BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE! I HOPE THIS DOESN'T MEAN ***TROUBLE!***

"BUT IT DID MEAN TROUBLE, AND FAST..."

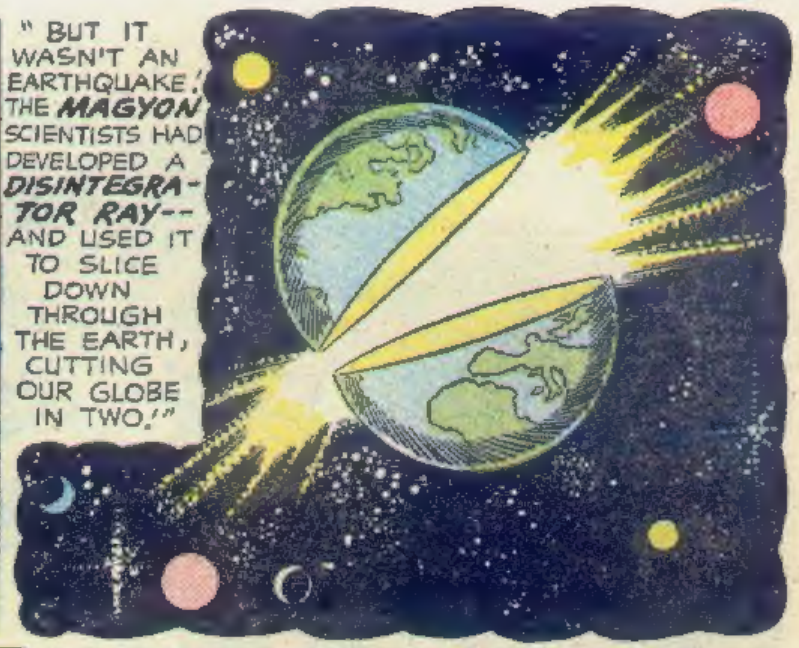
THE ***MAGYONS*** ARE WALKING OUT OF THE EARTH COUNCIL.

WE SHALL NEVER RETURN!

"WHAT WOULD BE THE OUTCOME? EACH SIDE KNEW THAT AN H-BOMB WAR WOULD MEAN DESTRUCTION FOR BOTH..."

THE ***MAGYONS*** ARE UP TO SOMETHING! IN THE LAST TWO YEARS THEIR LEADING SCIENTISTS HAVE FAILED TO ISSUE A SINGLE PROGRESS REPORT. HAVE THEY DISCOVERED A NEW SCIENTIFIC WEAPON?

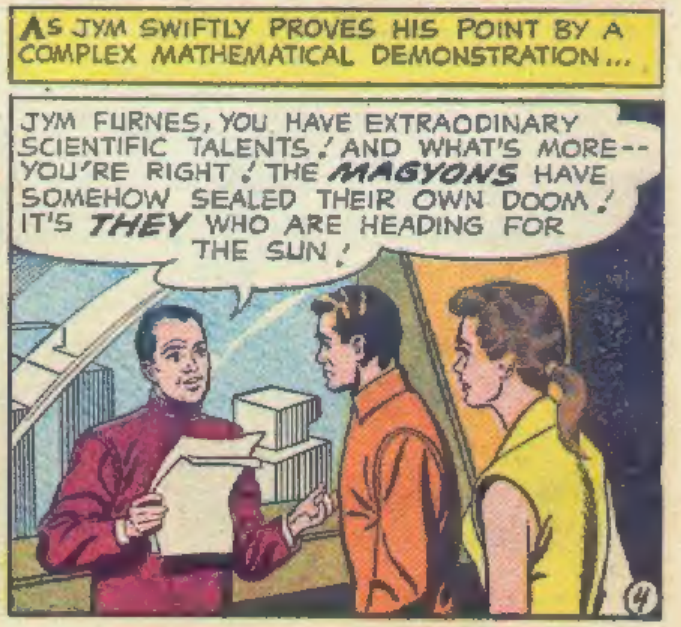
"SUDDENLY, IN THE COUNCIL ROOM..."
SOUNDS LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE!
WH-WHAT'S THAT?


"BUT IT WASN'T AN EARTHQUAKE! THE MAGYON SCIENTISTS HAD DEVELOPED A DISINTEGRATOR RAY--AND USED IT TO SLICE DOWN THROUGH THE EARTH, CUTTING OUR GLOBE IN TWO!"

"SOON AFTER, ONE OF OUR SECRET AGENTS GOT BACK TO US WITH A STARTLING PIECE OF INFORMATION..."
"...AND THE DIABOLICAL PLAN OF THE MAGYONS IS TO SEND OUR HALF OF EARTH SPIRALING INTO THE SUN?"
YES, MR. PRESIDENT!

"THAT WAS LAST WEEK! OUR MOVEMENTS IN THE SKY SINCE THE SPLIT HAVE BEEN SO ERRATIC, WE CANNOT DETERMINE OUR PATH THROUGH SPACE..."
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHETHER WE ARE FALLING INTO THE SUN OR NOT!
WITH YOUR PERMISSION, SIR, I'D LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE ORBITAL FIGURES...

NOT LONG AFTERWARD...
SIR, ON THE BASIS OF THESE FIGURES AND CHARTS, I'VE DETERMINED THAT OUR HALF OF EARTH IS NOT HEADING FOR THE SUN! BUT STRANGELY ENOUGH, THE OTHER HALF IS!


AS JYM SWIFTLY PROVES HIS POINT BY A COMPLEX MATHEMATICAL DEMONSTRATION...
JYM FURNES, YOU HAVE EXTRAORDINARY SCIENTIFIC TALENTS! AND WHAT'S MORE--YOU'RE RIGHT! THE MAGYONS HAVE SOMEHOW SEALED THEIR OWN DOOM! IT'S THEY WHO ARE HEADING FOR THE SUN!
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AT A MEETING OF THE HIGHEST OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT...
THEN IT IS AGREED! WE MUST DO ALL WE CAN TO SAVE THE OTHER HALF OF EARTH -- INCLUDING OUR ENEMIES, THE MAGYONS!
YES, IT IS THE ONLY HUMAN THING TO DO, MR. PRESIDENT!
BUT HOW CAN WE PREVENT THE OTHER HALF FROM PLUNGING INTO THE SUN? IT SEEMS A TASK UTTERLY BEYOND OUR POWERS!
THIS METAL FROM ZEON! I WONDER...!
MEANWHILE ON THE MAGYON HALF OF EARTH...
EACH DAY THE SUN GROWS LARGER IN THE SKY!
WE MISCALCULATED! IT IS WE WHO ARE FALLING INTO THE SUN!
TWENTY-FOUR HOURS LATER...
HOW MUCH LONGER CAN WE SURVIVE THE SUN'S INTENSE HEAT?
AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE OTHER HEMISPHERE...
SO YOU SEE, SIR, WHEN THIS METAL IS POWDERED INTO SMALL PARTICLES, IT ACTS AS AN ANTI-GRAVITY FIELD! THAT'S WHY I THINK MY PLAN MAY WORK...
WE MUST TRY IT IMMEDIATELY!
HURRIEDLY, MACHINERY IS SET UP TO MANUFACTURE JYM'S UNIQUE METAL IN QUANTITY...
IT'S NOT A COMPLICATED PROCESS--ONCE YOU KNOW THE FORMULA!
HERE IT COMES NOW -- THE FIRST BLOCK OF THE METAL! EVERYTHING ELSE IS READY AND WAITING!

SHORTLY, IN A SPACESHIP LOADED WITH THE POWDERED FORM OF THE METAL...

A FEW MOMENTS MORE AND WE'LL BE EXACTLY IN BETWEEN THE *MAGYON* HALF OF EARTH AND THE SUN!

WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL PULL THE RELEASE LEVER!

SOON, SPACE IS SPRAYED WITH THE POWDERED METAL...

THE *MAGYON* HALF HAS STOPPED FALLING! THE SUN'S GRAVITY PULL HAS BEEN NEUTRALIZED!

THEN YOU THINK YOU CAN USE THE ANTI-GRAVITY METAL TO BRING THE TWO HALVES OF EARTH TOGETHER AGAIN, JYM?

YES,--BUT THERE'S A DANGER! IF WE SHOULD JOIN BOTH HALVES TOO FAST, THEY WILL CRASH INTO ONE ANOTHER--DESTROYING BOTH!

SKILLFULLY, JYM BRINGS TOGETHER THE TWO HEMISPHERES OF THE EARTH GLOBE...

YOU'RE A REAL EARTH-SAVER, JYM!

SOME DAYS LATER...

THE PEACE PARTY OF THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE HAS REVOLTED AND OVER-THROWN THE *MAGYON* MILITARY PARTY...AND ASK RE-ADMITTANCE TO THE EARTH COUNCIL...

PEACE--AT LAST--FOR THE WHOLE EARTH!

WHILE ELA AND JYM HOVER OVER EARTH IN THEIR STARSHIP...

THERE IT IS, ELA--YOUR FIRST REAL SIGHT OF THE EARTH! HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

IT'S MORE BEAUTIFUL--MORE MAGNIFICENT--THAN I EVER DREAMED POSSIBLE BACK ON *ZEON*!

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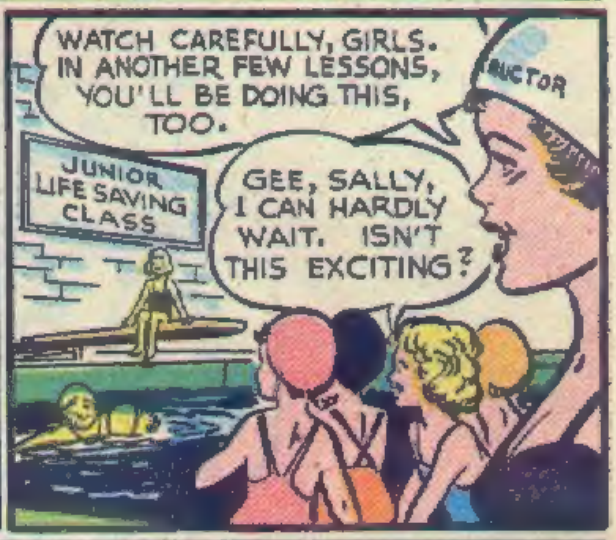
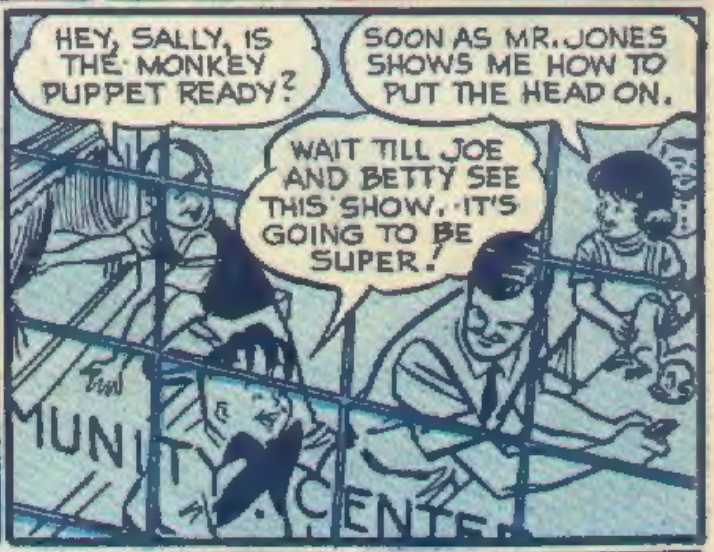
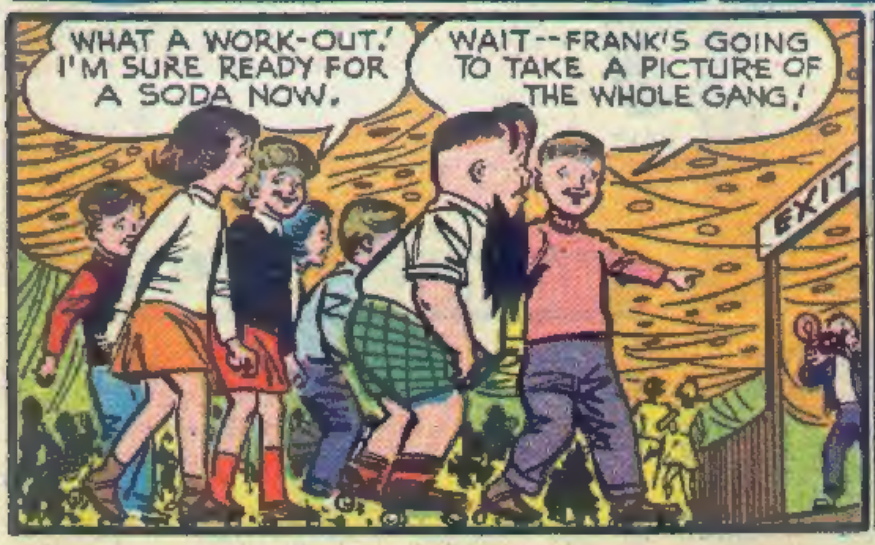
Binky says: "IT'S FUN TO BELONG!"

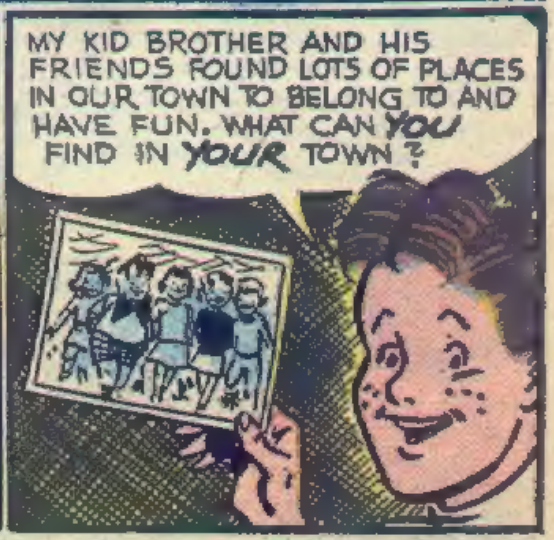
WHY ALL THE GLOOM, GANG?
AW, WE HAVEN'T ANYTHING TO DO.
THERE'S A SIMPLE REMEDY FOR THAT, ALLERGY. GATHER ROUND... UNCLE BINKY HAS SOME IDEAS FOR YOU...


WATCH CAREFULLY, GIRLS. IN ANOTHER FEW LESSONS, YOU'LL BE DOING THIS, TOO.
JUNIOR LIFE SAVING CLASS
GEE, SALLY, I CAN HARDLY WAIT. ISN'T THIS EXCITING?

FIRST WE FINISH THE CLEAN-UP. THEN MR. BROWN SAYS WE CAN USE THE FIELD.
COME ON, JOE, LET'S PITCH IN. THIS IS GOING TO MAKE A SWELL PLACE TO PLAY BALL!


HEY, SALLY, IS THE MONKEY PUPPET READY?
SOON AS MR. JONES SHOWS ME HOW TO PUT THE HEAD ON.
WAIT TILL JOE AND BETTY SEE THIS SHOW. IT'S GOING TO BE SUPER!





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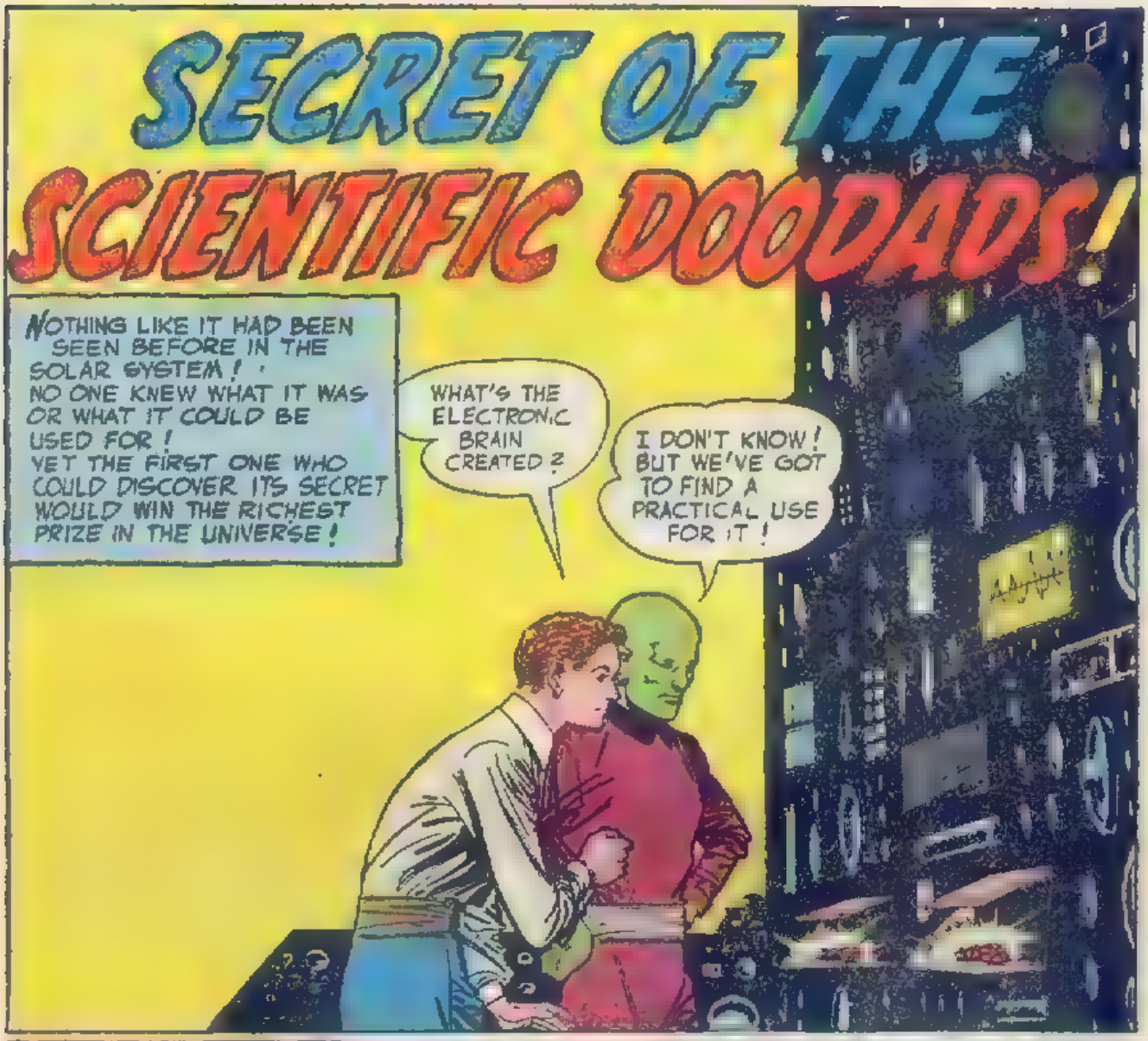
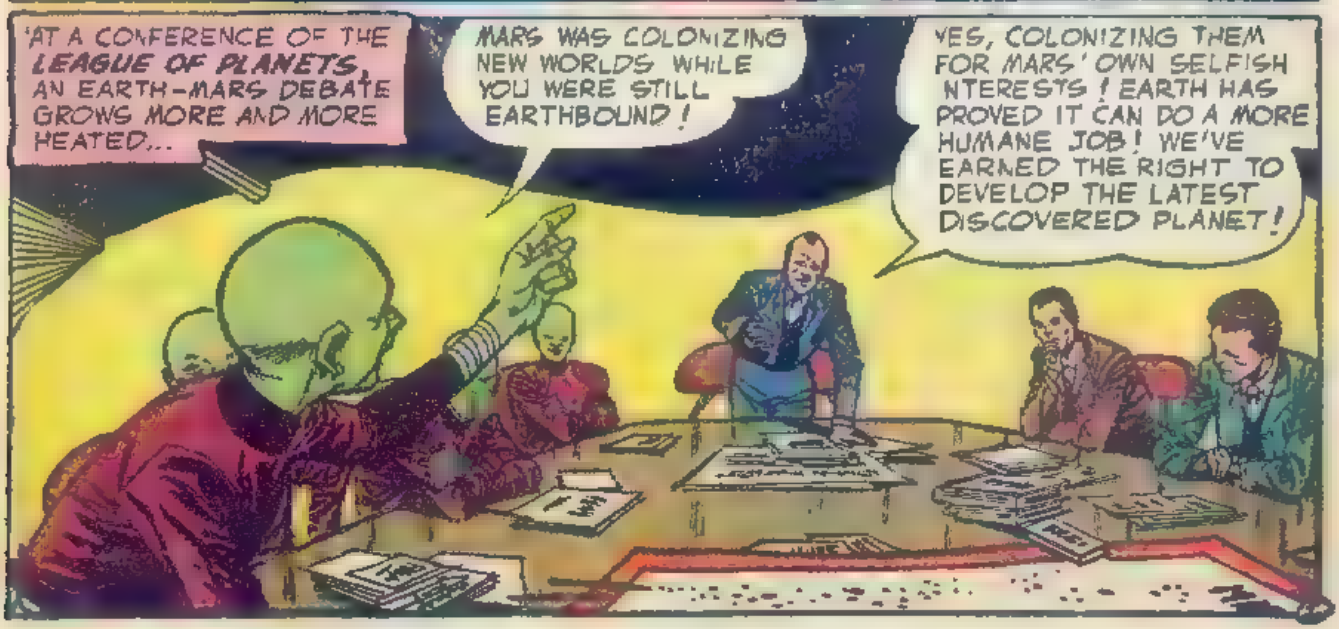
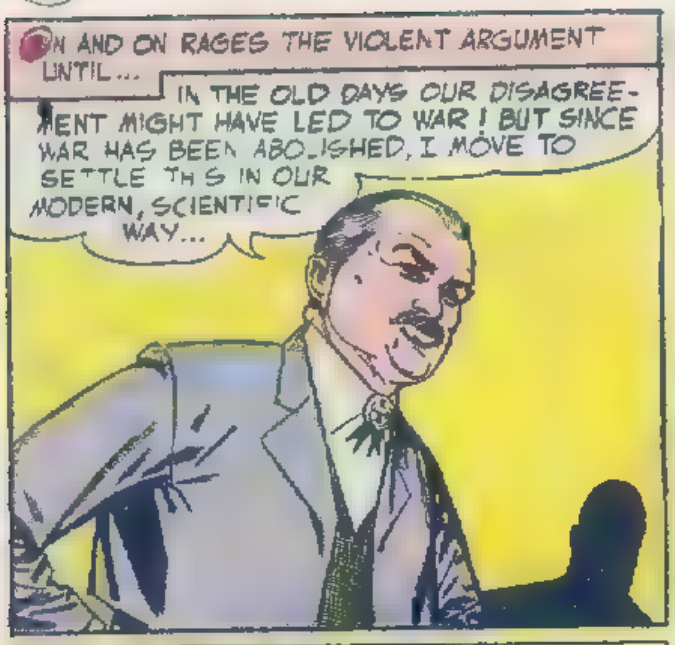
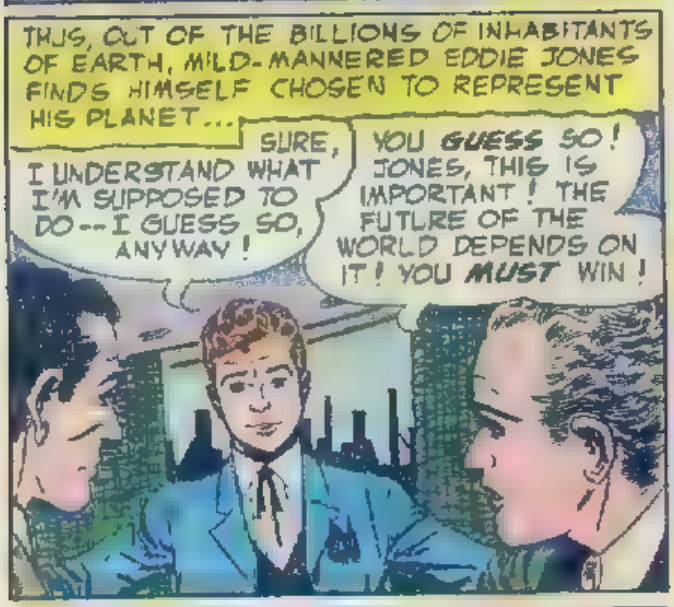
SECRET OF THE SCIENTIFIC DOODADS!

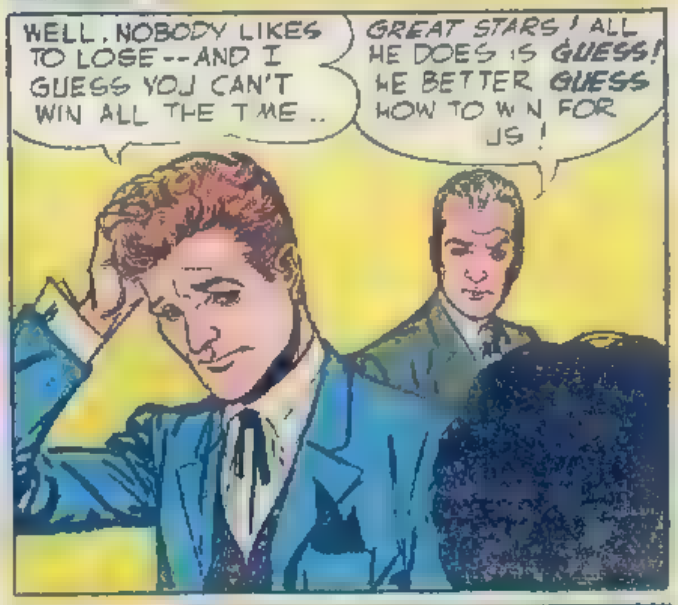

NOTHING LIKE IT HAD BEEN SEEN BEFORE IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM! NO ONE KNEW WHAT IT WAS OR WHAT IT COULD BE USED FOR! YET THE FIRST ONE WHO COULD DISCOVER ITS SECRET WOULD WIN THE RICHEST PRIZE IN THE UNIVERSE!
WHAT'S THE ELECTRONIC BRAIN CREATED?
I DON'T KNOW! BUT WE'VE GOT TO FIND A PRACTICAL USE FOR IT!

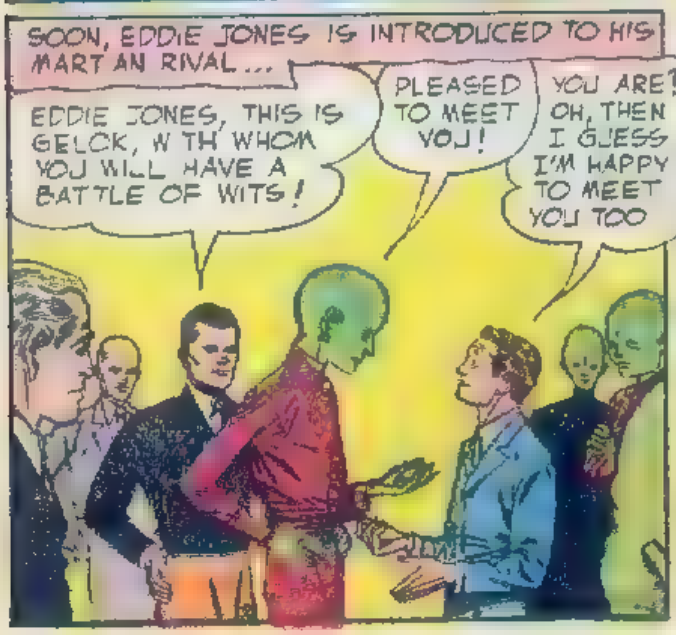

AT A CONFERENCE OF THE LEAGUE OF PLANETS, AN EARTH-MARS DEBATE GROWS MORE AND MORE HEATED...
MARS WAS COLONIZING NEW WORLDS WHILE YOU WERE STILL EARTHBOUND!
YES, COLONIZING THEM FOR MARS' OWN SELFISH INTERESTS! EARTH HAS PROVED IT CAN DO A MORE HUMANE JOB! WE'VE EARNED THE RIGHT TO DEVELOP THE LATEST DISCOVERED PLANET!

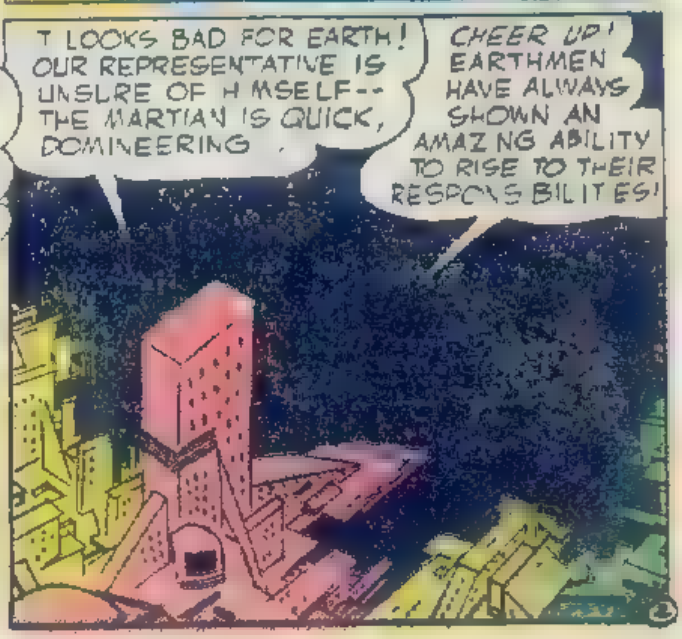

ON AND ON RAGES THE VIOLENT ARGUMENT UNTIL...
IN THE OLD DAYS OUR DISAGREEMENT MIGHT HAVE LED TO WAR! BUT SINCE WAR HAS BEEN ABOLISHED, I MOVE TO SETTLE THIS IN OUR MODERN, SCIENTIFIC WAY...

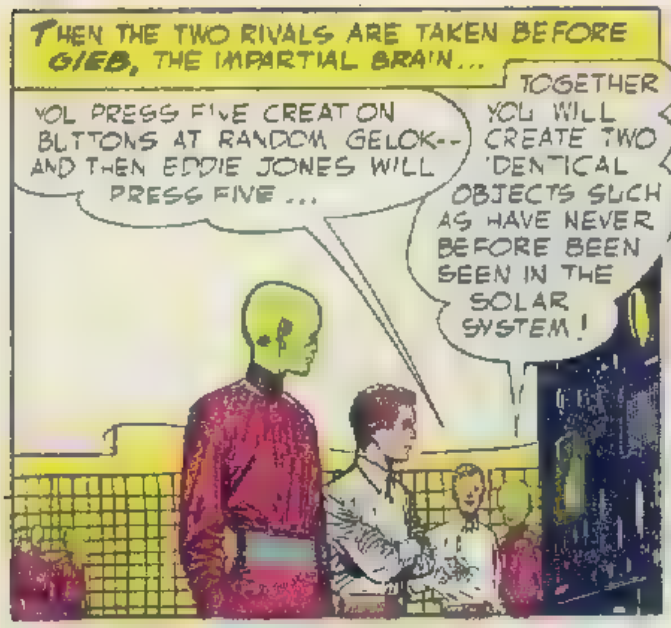
SOON AFTER, AN ARBITRATION COMMITTEE IS SENT TO THE GREAT INTERPLANETARY ELECTRONIC BRAIN, KNOWN AS GIEB...
I PRESS THE MARTIAN SELECTOR BUTTON! IT WILL CHOOSE, AT RANDOM, AN ADULT MARTIAN TO REPRESENT OUR INTERESTS...
AND THEN I SHALL PRESS AN EARTH SELECTOR BUTTON..


THUS, OUT OF THE BILLIONS OF INHABITANTS OF EARTH, MILD-MANNERED EDDIE JONES FINDS HIMSELF CHOSEN TO REPRESENT HIS PLANET...
SURE, I UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO--I GUESS SO, ANYWAY!
YOU GUESS SO! JONES, THIS IS IMPORTANT! THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD DEPENDS ON IT! YOU MUST WIN!

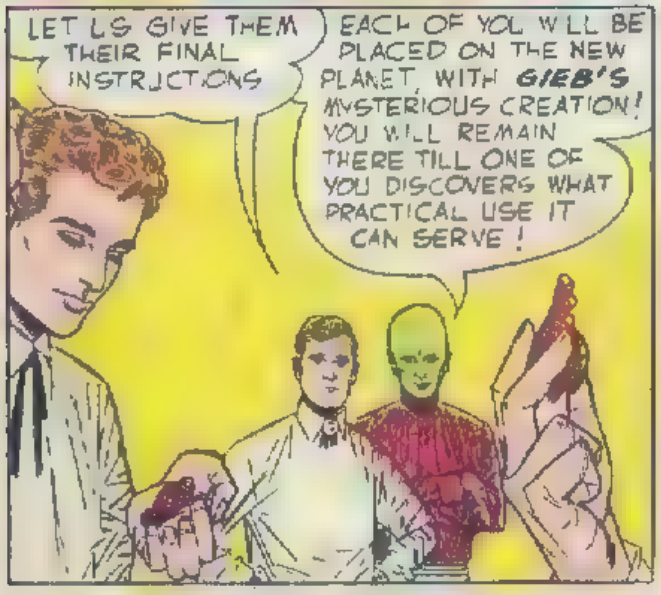

WELL, NOBODY LIKES TO LOSE--AND I GUESS YOU CAN'T WIN ALL THE TIME..
GREAT STARS! ALL HE DOES IS GUESS! HE BETTER GUESS HOW TO WIN FOR US!

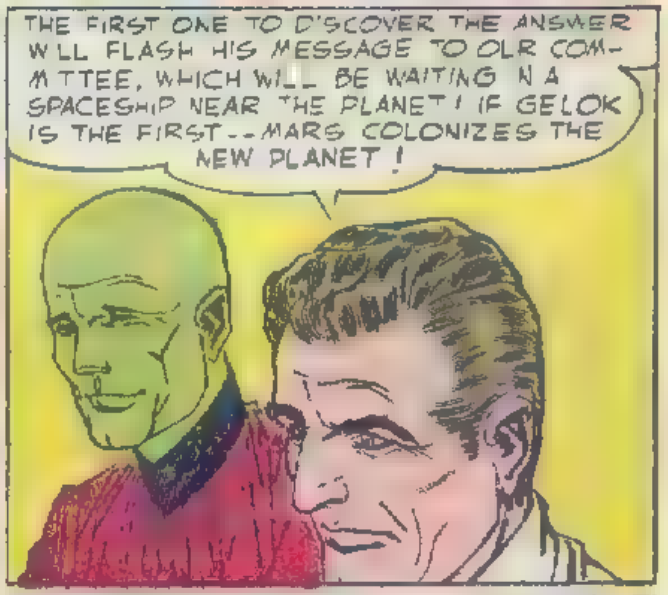

SOON, EDDIE JONES IS INTRODUCED TO HIS MARTIAN RIVAL...
EDDIE JONES, THIS IS GELCK, WITH WHOM YOU WILL HAVE A BATTLE OF WITS!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU!
YOU ARE? OH, THEN I GUESS I'M HAPPY TO MEET YOU TOO

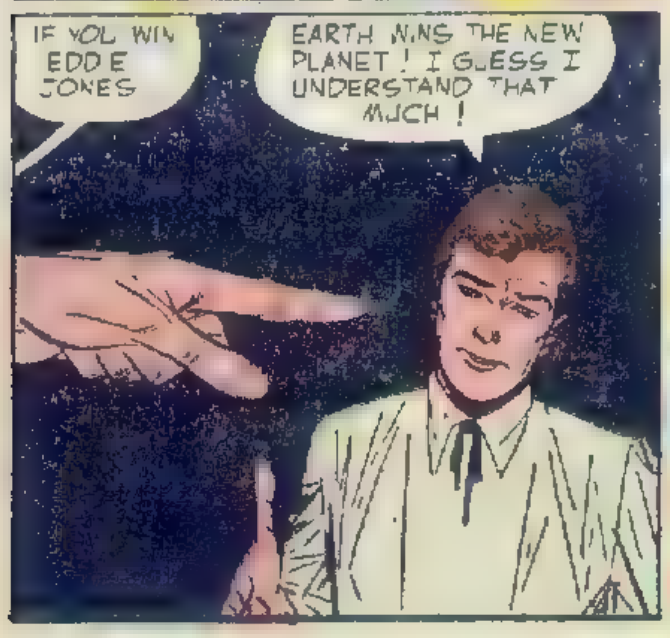

IT LOOKS BAD FOR EARTH! OUR REPRESENTATIVE IS UNSURE OF HIMSELF--THE MARTIAN IS QUICK, DOMINEERING
CHEER UP! EARTHMEN HAVE ALWAYS SHOWN AN AMAZING ABILITY TO RISE TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES!

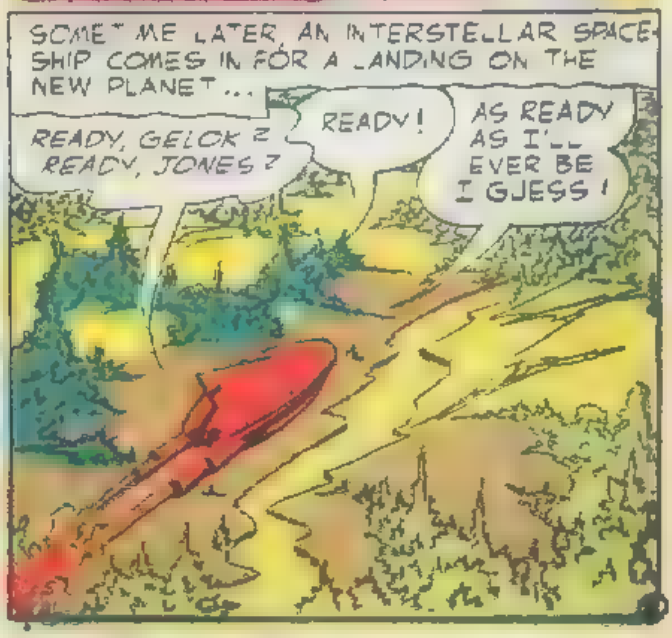

THEN THE TWO RIVALS ARE TAKEN BEFORE GIEB, THE IMPARTIAL BRAIN...
YOU PRESS FIVE CREATION BUTTONS AT RANDOM, GELOK--AND THEN EDDIE JONES WILL PRESS FIVE...
TOGETHER YOU WILL CREATE TWO 'DENTICAL OBJECTS SUCH AS HAVE NEVER BEFORE BEEN SEEN IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM!

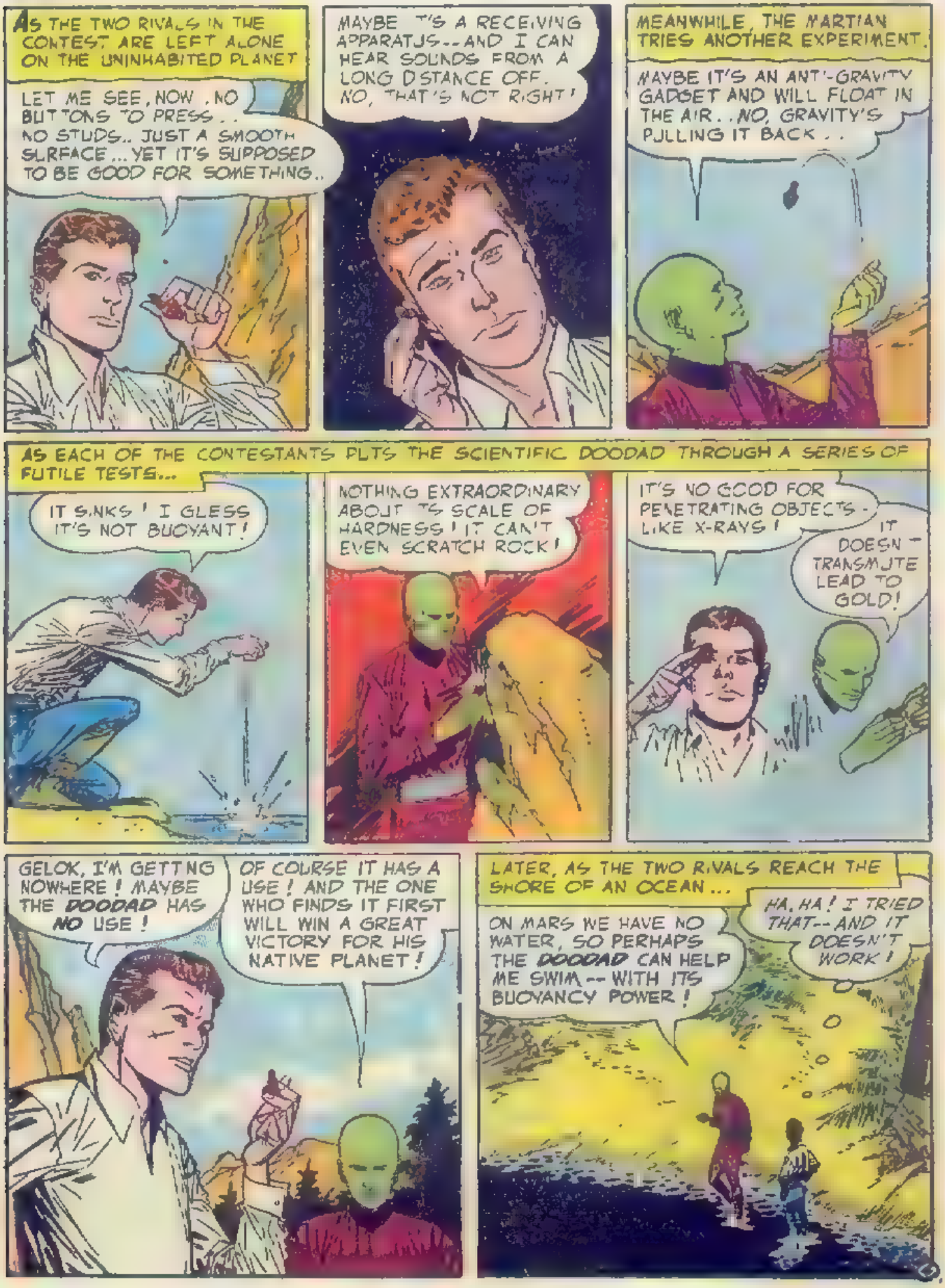
PRESENTLY, AS THE GREAT BRAIN WHIRLS INTO ACTION...
AM I--S-SUPPOSED TO GUESS WHAT THAT--ER--DOODAD CAN DO?
IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO DIFFICULT FOR A MARTIAN TO FIGURE OUT!

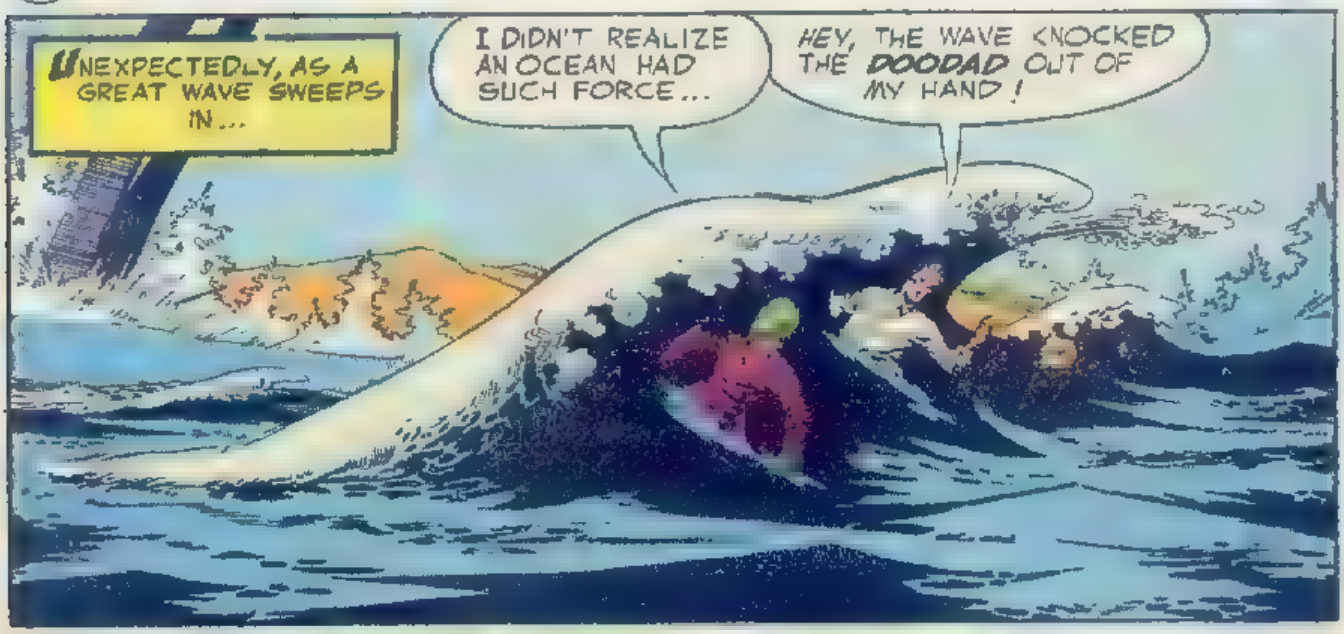

LET US GIVE THEM THEIR FINAL INSTRUCTIONS
EACH OF YOU WILL BE PLACED ON THE NEW PLANET, WITH GIEB'S MYSTERIOUS CREATION! YOU WILL REMAIN THERE TILL ONE OF YOU DISCOVERS WHAT PRACTICAL USE IT CAN SERVE!

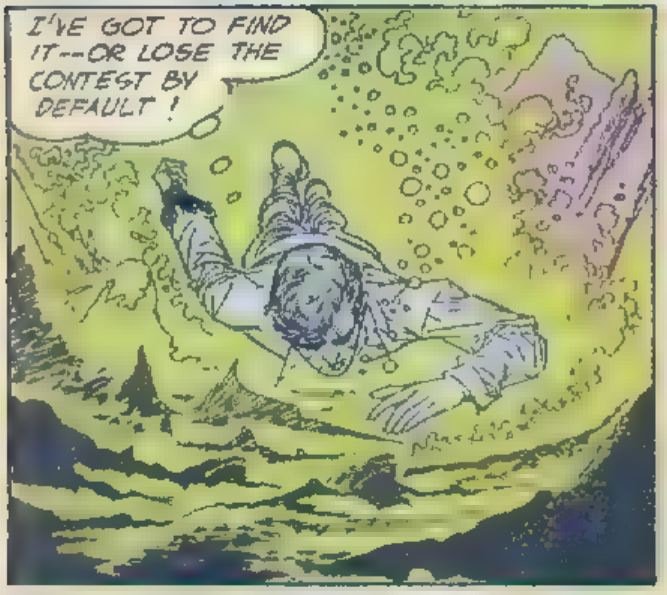

THE FIRST ONE TO DISCOVER THE ANSWER WILL FLASH HIS MESSAGE TO OUR COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BE WAITING IN A SPACESHIP NEAR THE PLANET! IF GELOK IS THE FIRST--MARS COLONIZES THE NEW PLANET!

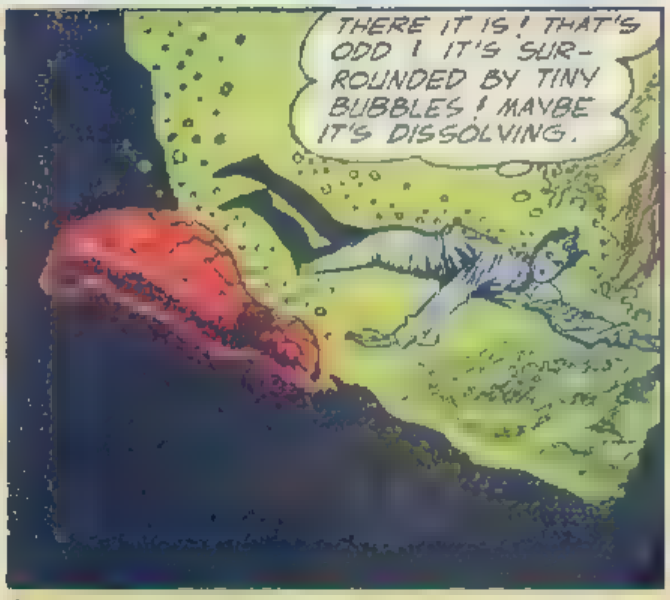

IF YOU WIN EDDIE JONES
EARTH WINS THE NEW PLANET! I GUESS I UNDERSTAND THAT MUCH!

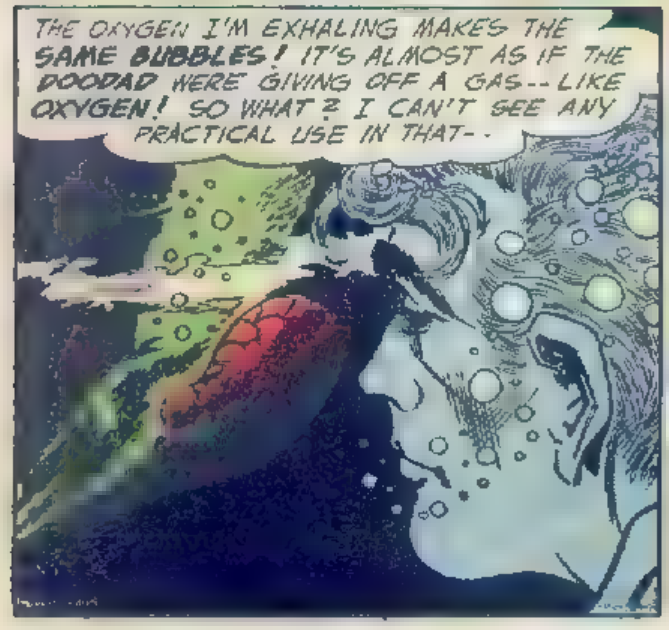

SOME TIME LATER, AN INTERSTELLAR SPACESHIP COMES IN FOR A LANDING ON THE NEW PLANET...
READY, GELOK? READY, JONES?
READY!
AS READY AS I'LL EVER BE I GUESS!

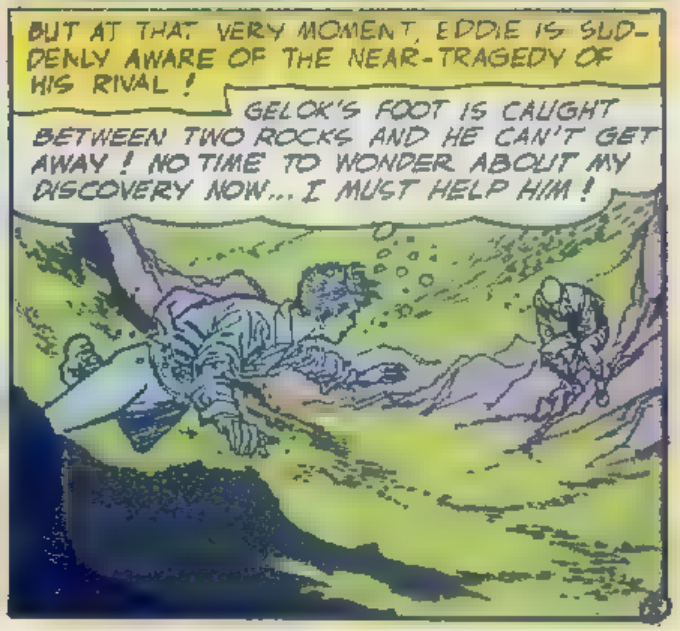

AS THE TWO RIVALS IN THE CONTEST ARE LEFT ALONE ON THE UNINHABITED PLANET
LET ME SEE, NOW . NO BUTTONS TO PRESS . . NO STUDS.. JUST A SMOOTH SURFACE ... YET IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD FOR SOMETHING..
MAYBE IT'S A RECEIVING APPARATUS--AND I CAN HEAR SOUNDS FROM A LONG DISTANCE OFF. NO, THAT'S NOT RIGHT!
MEANWHILE, THE MARTIAN TRIES ANOTHER EXPERIMENT.
MAYBE IT'S AN ANTI-GRAVITY GADGET AND WILL FLOAT IN THE AIR . . NO, GRAVITY'S PULLING IT BACK . .
AS EACH OF THE CONTESTANTS PUTS THE SCIENTIFIC DOODAD THROUGH A SERIES OF FUTILE TESTS...
IT SINKS! I GUESS IT'S NOT BUOYANT!
NOTHING EXTRAORDINARY ABOUT ITS SCALE OF HARDNESS! IT CAN'T EVEN SCRATCH ROCK!
IT'S NO GOOD FOR PENETRATING OBJECTS - LIKE X-RAYS!
IT DOESN'T TRANSMUTE LEAD TO GOLD!
GEL-OK, I'M GETTING NOWHERE! MAYBE THE DOODAD HAS NO USE!
OF COURSE IT HAS A USE! AND THE ONE WHO FINDS IT FIRST WILL WIN A GREAT VICTORY FOR HIS NATIVE PLANET!
LATER, AS THE TWO RIVALS REACH THE SHORE OF AN OCEAN ...
ON MARS WE HAVE NO WATER, SO PERHAPS THE DOODAD CAN HELP ME SWIM -- WITH ITS BUOYANCY POWER!
HA, HA! I TRIED THAT--AND IT DOESN'T WORK!

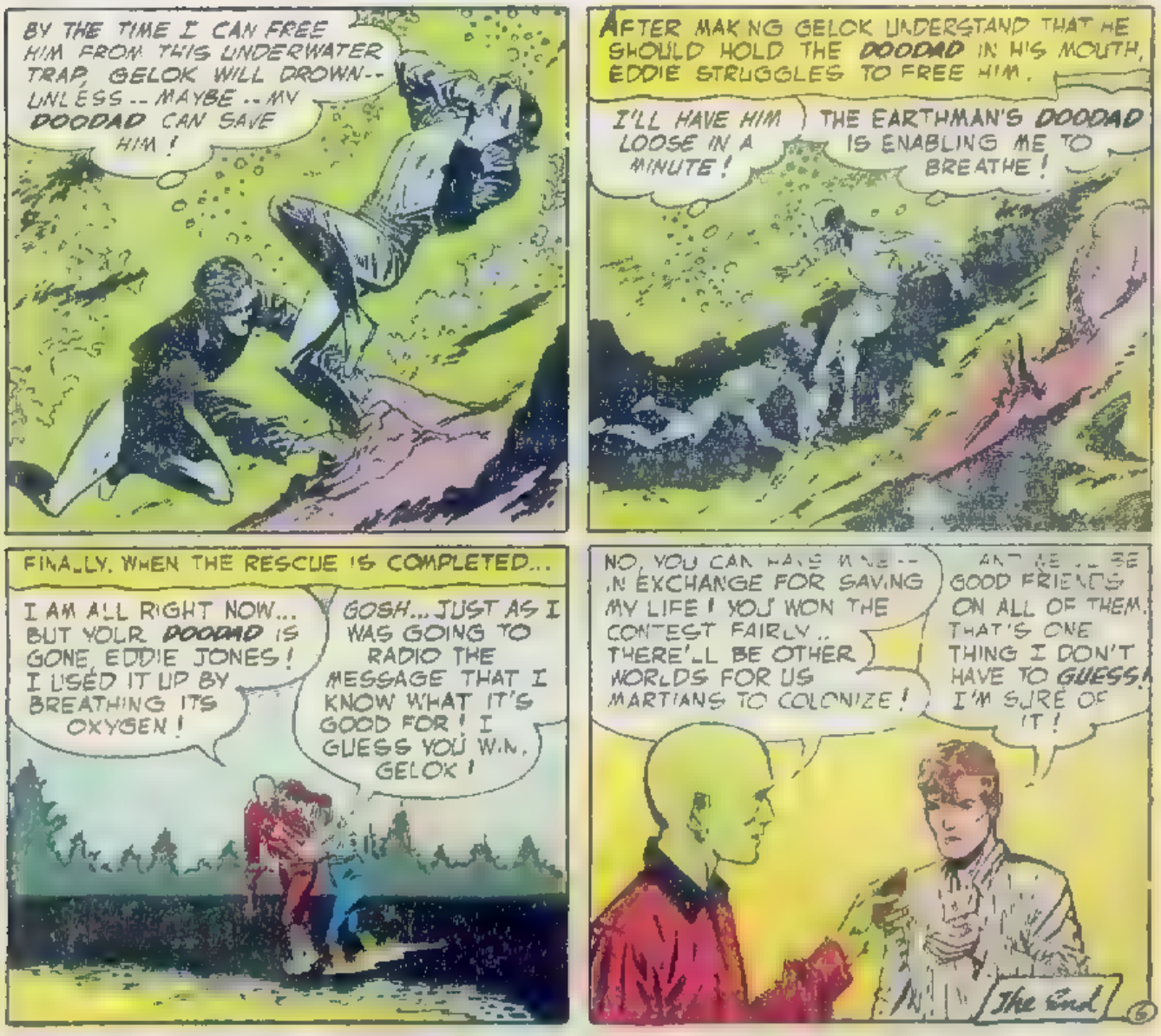

UNEXPECTEDLY, AS A GREAT WAVE SWEEPS IN...
I DIDN'T REALIZE AN OCEAN HAD SUCH FORCE...
HEY, THE WAVE KNOCKED THE DOODAD OUT OF MY HAND!


I'VE GOT TO FIND IT--OR LOSE THE CONTEST BY DEFAULT!


THERE IT IS! THAT'S ODD! IT'S SURROUNDED BY TINY BUBBLES! MAYBE IT'S DISSOLVING.


THE OXYGEN I'M EXHALING MAKES THE SAME BUBBLES! IT'S ALMOST AS IF THE DOODAD WERE GIVING OFF A GAS--LIKE OXYGEN! SO WHAT? I CAN'T SEE ANY PRACTICAL USE IN THAT--


BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT, EDDIE IS SUDDENLY AWARE OF THE NEAR-TRAGEDY OF HIS RIVAL!
GELOK'S FOOT IS CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO ROCKS AND HE CAN'T GET AWAY! NO TIME TO WONDER ABOUT MY DISCOVERY NOW... I MUST HELP HIM!


BY THE TIME I CAN FREE HIM FROM THIS UNDERWATER TRAP, GELOK WILL DROWN-- UNLESS -- MAYBE -- MY DOODAD CAN SAVE HIM!
AFTER MAKING GELOK UNDERSTAND THAT HE SHOULD HOLD THE DOODAD IN HIS MOUTH, EDDIE STRUGGLES TO FREE HIM.
I'LL HAVE HIM LOOSE IN A MINUTE!
THE EARTHMAN'S DOODAD IS ENABLING ME TO BREATHE!
FINALLY, WHEN THE RESCUE IS COMPLETED...
I AM ALL RIGHT NOW... BUT YOUR DOODAD IS GONE, EDDIE JONES! I USED IT UP BY BREATHING ITS OXYGEN!
GOSH... JUST AS I WAS GOING TO RADIO THE MESSAGE THAT I KNOW WHAT IT'S GOOD FOR! I GUESS YOU WIN, GELOK!
NO, YOU CAN HAVE MINE -- IN EXCHANGE FOR SAVING MY LIFE! YOU WON THE CONTEST FAIRLY.. THERE'LL BE OTHER WORLDS FOR US MARTIANS TO COLONIZE!
AND WE'LL BE GOOD FRIENDS ON ALL OF THEM. THAT'S ONE THING I DON'T HAVE TO GUESS! I'M SURE OF IT!
The End

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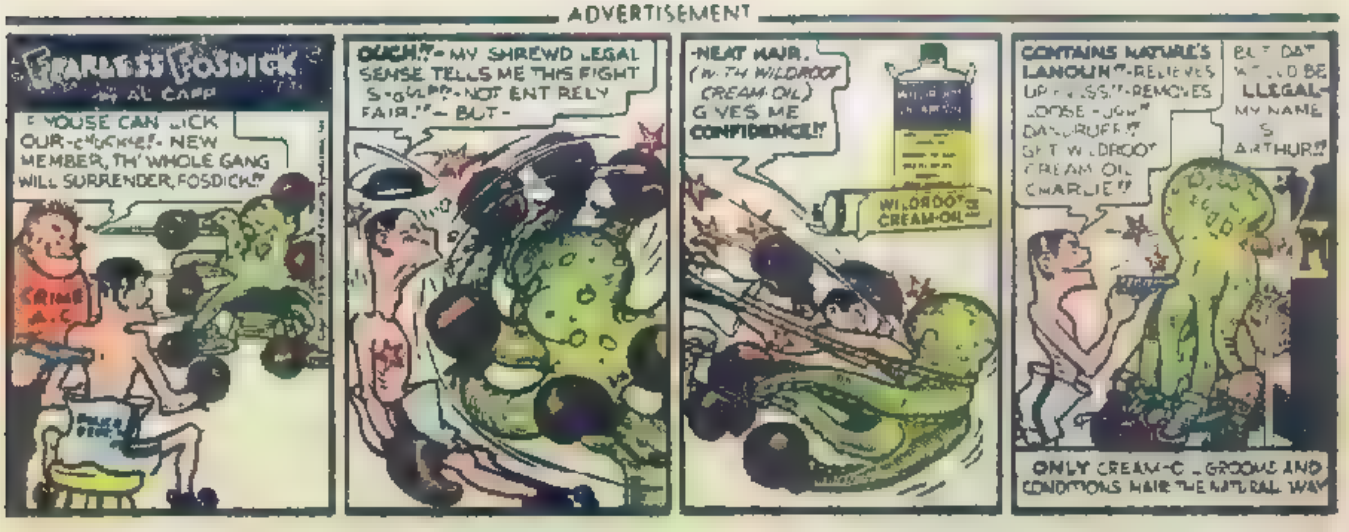
FEARLESS FOSDICK
by AL CAMP
IF YOUSE CAN LICK OUR CHUCKIE! - NEW MEMBER, TH' WHOLE GANG WILL SURRENDER, FOSDICK!"
CRIME A.C.
OUCH!" - MY SHREWD LEGAL SENSE TELLS ME THIS FIGHT S-GULP! - NOT ENTIRELY FAIR!" - BUT -
-NEAT HAIR. (WITH WILDROOT CREAM OIL) GIVES ME CONFIDENCE!"
WILDROOT CREAM-OIL
CONTAINS NATURE'S LANOLIN" - RELIEVES DRYNESS" - REMOVES LOOSE DANDRUFF" GET WILDROOT CREAM OIL CHARLIE"
BUT DAT WOULD BE ILLEGAL - MY NAME IS ARTHUR!"
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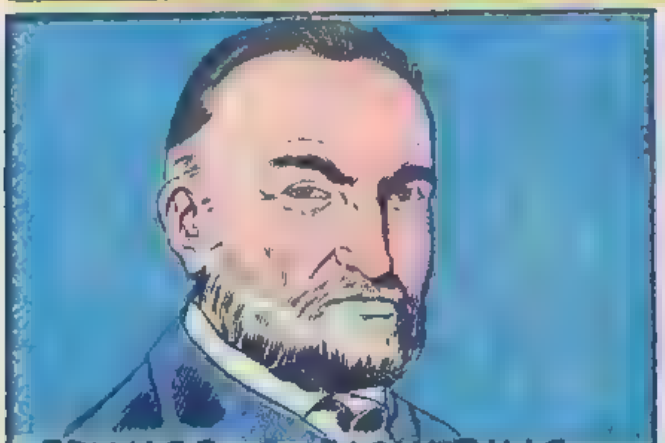
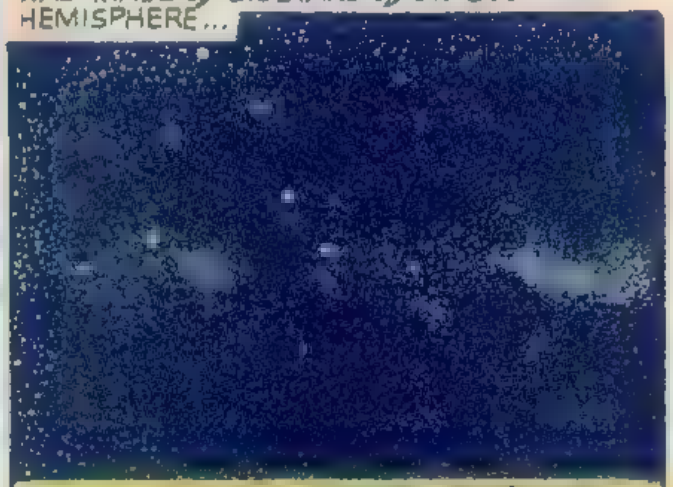


EDWARD C. PICKERING
(1846 - 1919)

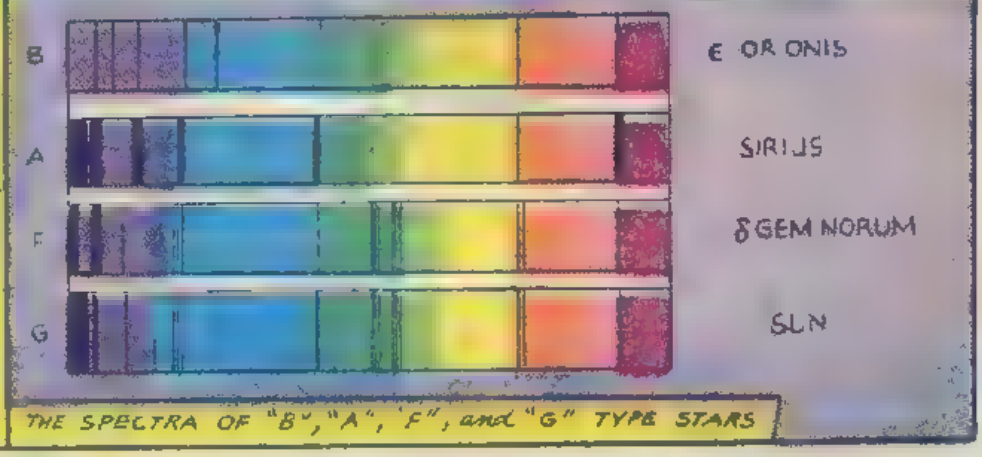
WHILE DIRECTOR of the HARVARD COLLEGE OBSERVATORY (1876-1919), PICKERING INVENTED THE ***MERIDIAN PHOTOMETER***, WITH WHICH HE DETERMINED the BRIGHTNESS of MORE THAN 500,000 STARS.

IN 1891, THIS AMERICAN ASTRONOMER ESTABLISHED AN OBSERVATORY STATION AT AREQUIPA, IN THE PERUVIAN ANDES MOUNTAINS, WHERE AN IMPORTANT PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY WAS MADE of the STARS of the SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE...



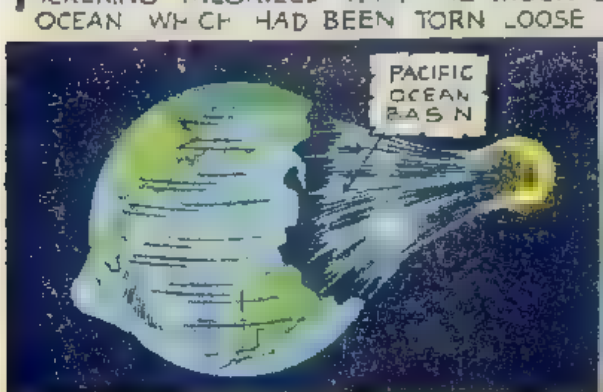
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT AREQUIPA OBSERVATORY SHOWS THE SOUTHERN MILKY WAY GALAXY.

PROBABLY HIS MOST MONUMENTAL ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS THE ***HENRY DRAPER CATALOGUE***, CONTAINING THE PHOTOMETRIC, PHOTOGRAPHIC, AND VISUAL MAGNITUDES of 225,000 BRIGHT STARS TOGETHER WITH THE SPECTRA OF EACH STAR--WHICH MAY EASILY BE IDENTIFIED BY A KEY LETTER (O, B, A, F, G, M, R, N, S)...

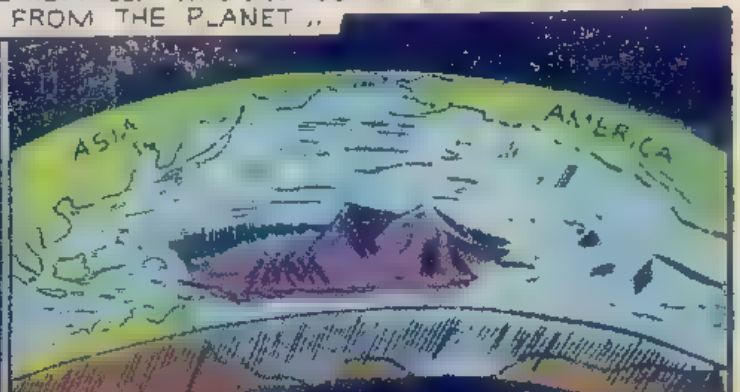


THE SPECTRA OF "B", "A", "F", and "G" TYPE STARS

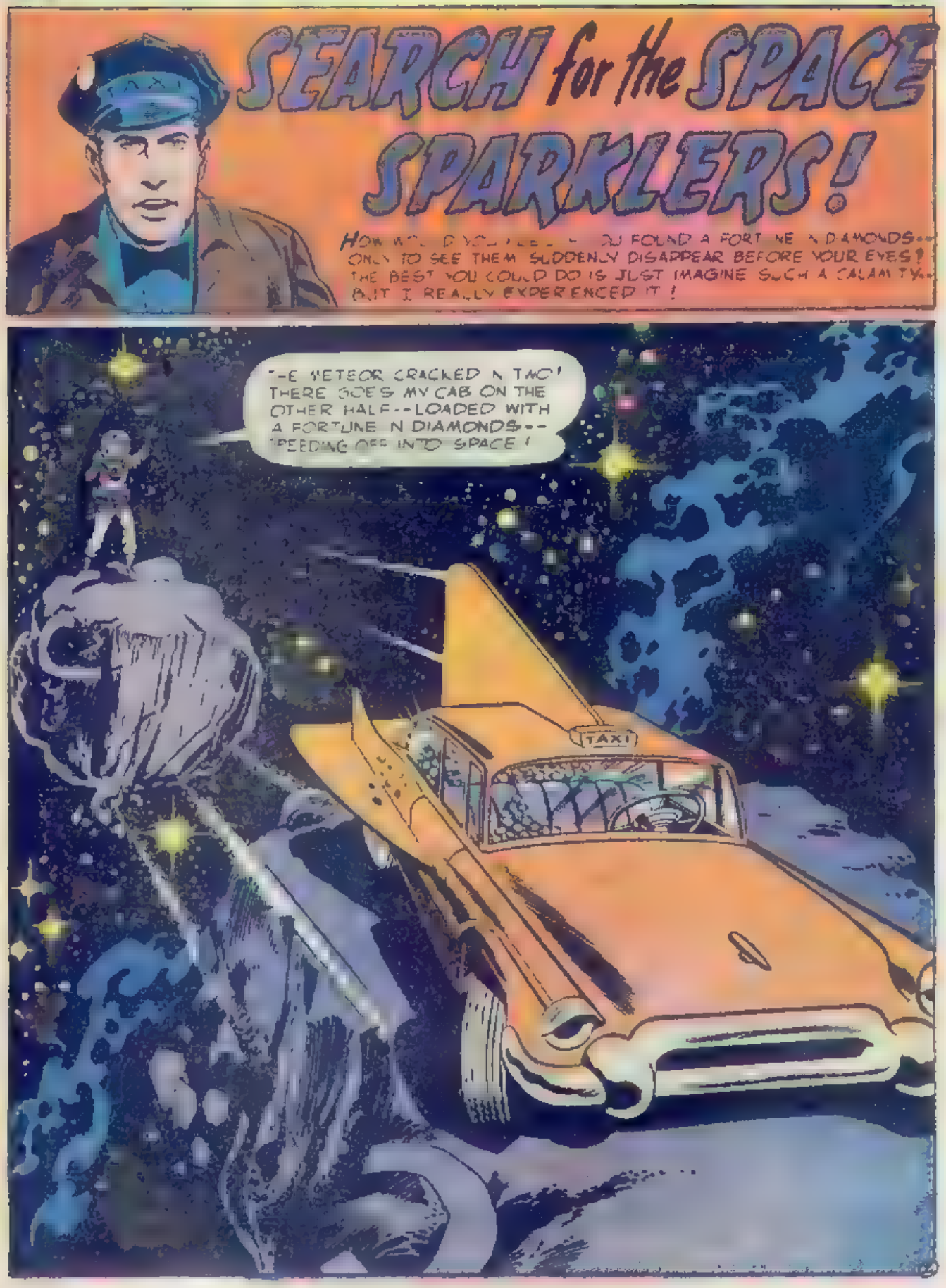
PICKERING THEORIZED THAT THE MOON ORIGINALLY WAS AN ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN WHICH HAD BEEN TORN LOOSE FROM THE PLANET...



HOW THE MOON TORE ITSELF AWAY FROM THE YOUNG EARTH.



The 'HOLE' LEFT in the PACIFIC BASIN by the DEPARTING MOON.


SEARCH for the SPACE SPARKLERS!
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU FOUND A FORTUNE IN DIAMONDS--
ONLY TO SEE THEM SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR BEFORE YOUR EYES?
THE BEST YOU COULD DO IS JUST IMAGINE SUCH A CALAMITY--
BUT I REALLY EXPERIENCED IT!
THE METEOR CRACKED IN TWO! THERE GOES MY CAB ON THE OTHER HALF--LOADED WITH A FORTUNE IN DIAMONDS--SPEEDING OFF INTO SPACE!
TAXI

"I'M CRUISING AROUND THE DOZEN MOONS OF JUPITER LOOKING FOR A FARE, WHEN SUDDENLY I HEAR AN OMINOUS SOUND."
MY MOTOR'S MISSING! I'LL HAVE TO STOP AND FIX IT!
SPLITTER!
"IN SPACE, YOU FIRST HAVE TO FIND A PLACE TO STOP!"
A METEOR SWARM PASSING BY! I'LL LAND ON THIS BIG ONE WITH THE PECULIAR "S" MARKING!
"AFTER I FINISH MY REPAIR JOB, I TAKE A LOOK AROUND AND SEE A DAZZLING PANORAMA..."
SPARKLING STONES! THEY LOOK LIKE DIAMONDS!
"MY SHOULDER-JETS SEND ME FLYING AMONG THE TREASURE-TROVE"
THEY ARE DIAMONDS, ALL RIGHT..HARD ENOUGH TO SCRATCH GLASS! I'M RICH!
"SCOOPING UP AN ARMFUL OF SPARKLERS I JET BACK TO THE METEOR AND TOSS THEM INTO MY CAB"
I'LL KEEP THIS UP 'TILL EVERY AVAILABLE SPACE IN THE CAB IS FILLED WITH DIAMONDS!
SUDDENLY ON ONE OF MY RETURN TRIPS, I HAVE TO STOP AS A RUNAWAY METEOR SMASHES INTO THE METEOR I'M PARKED ON
I CRACKED THE "S METEOR" IN TWO--SENDING MY CAB HALF INTO SPACE AT HIGH SPEED! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO OVERTAKE IT!

"BY THE TIME I'M PICKED UP BY A PASSING CAB, I'M BOILING HOTTER THAN A NOVA. "

HOW WILL I EVER FIND MY FORTUNE FILLED CAB? TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, I HAD TO HAIL ANOTHER SPACE TAXI AND RUN UP A FARE!

"BACK ON EARTH, I'M WONDERING HOW TO GO ABOUT SEARCHING THE WHOLE UNIVERSE FOR ONE TINY METEOR! I'M STUMPED UNTIL I PASS AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY... "

THAT'S IT! I'LL TAKE A JOB WITH THE METEOR SWEEPERS! THEY PATROL THE SPACE-LANES FOR DANGEROUS METEORS!

HELP WANTED! METEOR SWEEPERS.

"SOON I HAVE MY INITIATION WITH THE METEOR-SWEEPERS "

METEORS IN EARTH-MARS SPACE LANE! ATOMIC BOMBS AWAY!

"SOMETIMES, A NEW TYPE OF METEOR HAZARD POSES A DIFFICULT PROBLEM ... "

A FIRE METEOR! WE CAN'T BOMB IT-- THE FLAMING REMNANTS WOULD SCATTER ALL OVER SPACE AND ENDANGER SHIPS!

WE'LL HAVE TO TRY THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY OF PUTTING IT OUT WITH WATER!

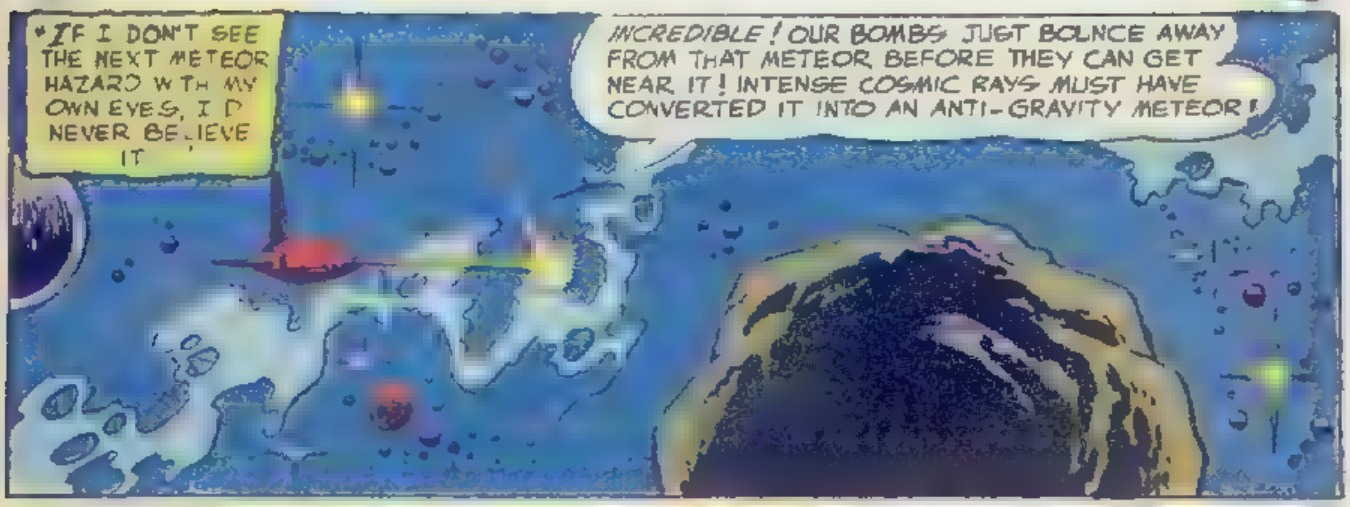
NO GOOD! IT WOULD TAKE A MILLION GALLONS OF WATER TO QUENCH IT! THAT'S MORE THAN WE CARRY! I WISH I COULD THINK OF ANOTHER WAY -

"I'M ONLY A BEGINNER IN THE BUSINESS, BUT A WILD IDEA POPS INTO MY HEAD "

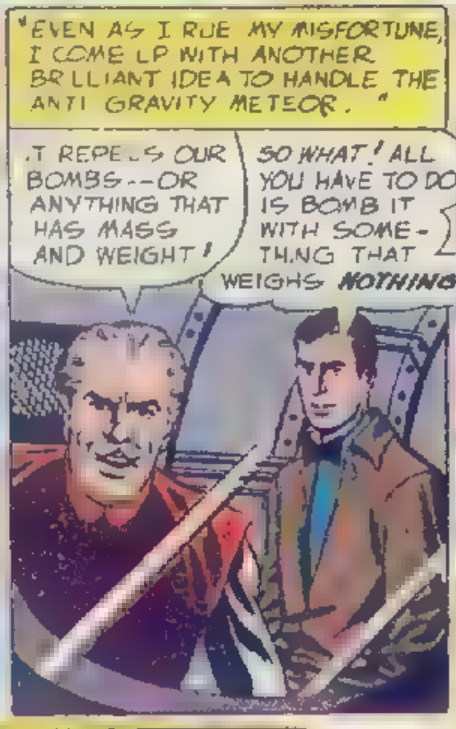
WHY DON'T YOU-ER-DUMP ICE METEORS ON THE FIRE METEOR? THE MELTING WATER OUGHT TO DO THE TRICK!

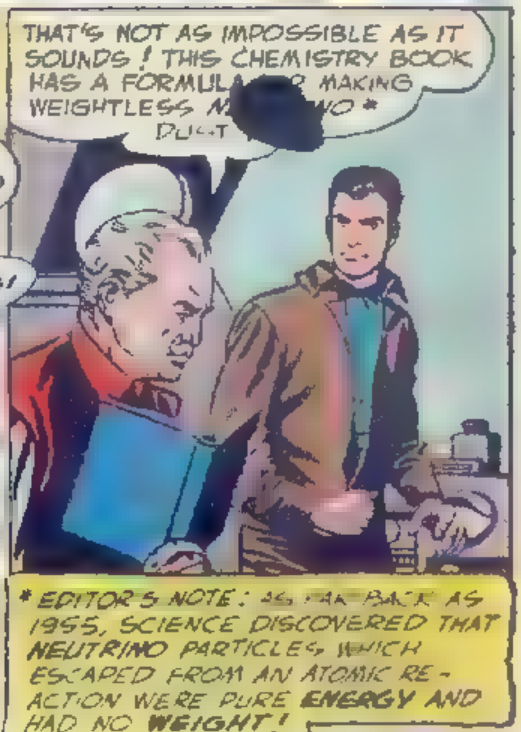
WHAT AN IDEA! IT IS WORTH A TRY! WE'LL ROUND THEM UP IN SPACE!

"SOON AFTER, THE SHIP IS BOMBARDING THE BURNING METEOR WITH ICY MISSILES."
"BUT MY PRAISEWORTHY EFFORTS GET ME NO NEARER MY GOAL..."
WITH BILLIONS OF METEORS IN SPACE, SEARCHING FOR MY CAB IS LIKE LOOKING FOR AN ATOM IN A HAYSTACK!
"IF THE FIRE METEOR IS A TOUGH ONE TO ELIMINATE, IMAGINE OUR PLIGHT WHEN THE NEXT ONE IS..."
AN INVISIBLE METEOR! IT ALMOST GRAZED US! HOW CAN WE BOMB SOMETHING WE CAN'T EVEN SEE?
SPRAY PAINT ALL AROUND SPACE--TILL IT SPLASHES ON THE INVISIBLE METEOR!
WHAT A STROKE OF GENIUS! AN INVISIBLE OBJECT BECOMES VISIBLE WHEN IT'S COATED WITH PAINT!
"WE CIRCLE AROUND, PAINTING SPACE RED, UNTIL..."
THERE IT IS--THAT RED BLOB IN SPACE! BOMBS AWAY!


"IF I DON'T SEE THE NEXT METEOR HAZARD WITH MY OWN EYES, I'D NEVER BELIEVE IT"
INCREDIBLE! OUR BOMBS JUST BOUNCE AWAY FROM THAT METEOR BEFORE THEY CAN GET NEAR IT! INTENSE COSMIC RAYS MUST HAVE CONVERTED IT INTO AN ANTI-GRAVITY METEOR!

"BUT I'M EVEN MORE EXCITED THAN THEY ARE AT WHAT MY TELESCOPE SHOWS..."
IT'S HALF OF THAT "S" MARKED METEOR--BUT NO SIGN OF MY CAB! JUST MY LUCK--THE WRONG HALF!


"EVEN AS I RUE MY MISFORTUNE, I COME UP WITH ANOTHER BRILLIANT IDEA TO HANDLE THE ANTI GRAVITY METEOR."
IT REPELS OUR BOMBS--OR ANYTHING THAT HAS MASS AND WEIGHT!
SO WHAT! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BOMB IT WITH SOMETHING THAT WEIGHS NOTHING!



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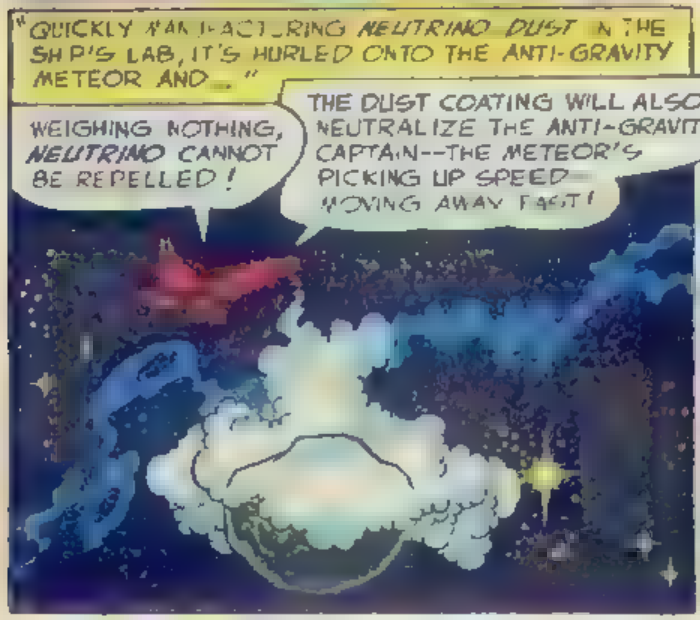
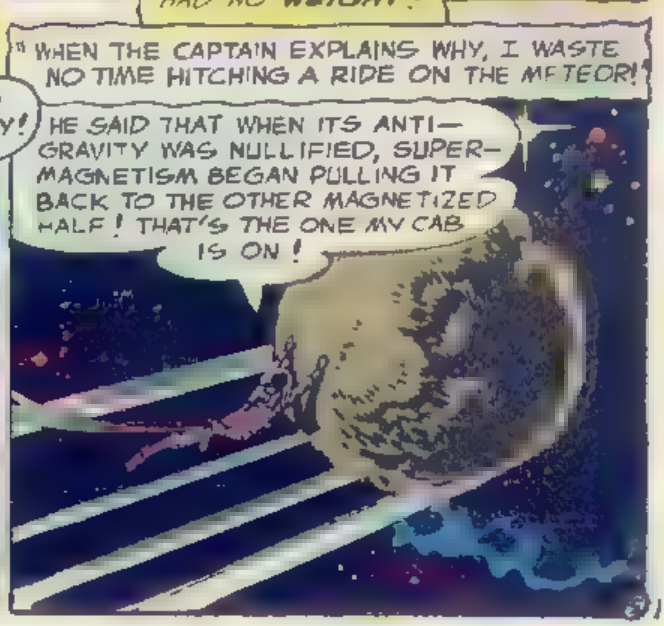

"QUICKLY MANUFACTURING NEUTRINO DUST IN THE SHIP'S LAB, IT'S HURLED ONTO THE ANTI-GRAVITY METEOR AND..."
WEIGHING NOTHING, NEUTRINO CANNOT BE REPELLED!
THE DUST COATING WILL ALSO NEUTRALIZE THE ANTI-GRAVITY! CAPTAIN--THE METEOR'S PICKING UP SPEED--MOVING AWAY FAST!


"WHEN THE CAPTAIN EXPLAINS WHY, I WASTE NO TIME HITCHING A RIDE ON THE METEOR!"
HE SAID THAT WHEN ITS ANTI-GRAVITY WAS NULLIFIED, SUPER-MAGNETISM BEGAN PULLING IT BACK TO THE OTHER MAGNETIZED HALF! THAT'S THE ONE MY CAB IS ON!

I ZIP THROUGH SPACE AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT-- TILL FINALLY MY EYES LIGHT UP--
THE LONG-LOST METEOR HALF! AND THERE'S MY CAB--MY DIAMOND-FILLED BEAUTY!
I FEEL HAPPIER THAN A VENUS LARK BACK AT THE WHEEL, PLANNING HOW TO SPEND MY FORTUNE..."
I'LL BUY A SPACE YACHT FOR EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK! THEN I'LL BUY A MOON FOR SALE--HMM! I WONDER WHAT THE ASKING PRICE IS FOR THE PLANET PLUTO?
TAXI
BUT ON EARTH WHEN I OPEN MY CAB THE WHOLE SOLAR SYSTEM FALLS ON ME"
MY SPACE SPARKLERS--MELTED TO WATER! THEY MUST HAVE BEEN ICE PARTICLES--FROZEN SUPER-HARD IN SPACE LIKE DIAMONDS!
WATER--THE CHEAPEST THING ON EARTH! I SEARCH THE UNIVERSE FOR MY FORTUNE"--AND END UP WITHOUT A SINGLE THING TO SHOW FOR ALL MY TROUBLE!
WRONG, CABBIE! YOU'VE WON THE METEOR SWEEPER AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE!
AND WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT--THIS AWARD IS WORTH MORE TO ME THAN ALL THE SPACE SPARKLERS IN THE UNIVERSE!
TAXI
METEOR SWEEPER AWARD
THE END

WONDERS of SPACE

MAGIC NUMBERS OF ASTRONOMY!

OF all the nine planetary members of our solar system, which one do you think comes closest to being a planet of average size? Strangely enough, it is *Neptune*—the third largest planet! The sum total of all the nine planetary diameters is 249,926 miles—which when broken down into an average planetary figure becomes 27,789 miles. Neptune is 27,600 miles wide at its equator!

Actually, the solar system appears to be composed of two different parts—four midget planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars) revolving in relatively crowded orbits around the sun, and four giant planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune) revolving in orbits comparatively far away from the sun and from each other. The planet Pluto plays the role of a misfit; for it is too small to be linked with the outer giant planets, and too distant to have any connection with the dwarf-sized inner planets.

Despite the great disparity in planetary sizes and distances, astronomers have wondered what relationship, if any, existed between the planets, for all theories seemed to indicate that the planets originated in the same way at the same time.

By juggling mathematical figures in different ways, two German astronomers named Titius and Bode discovered a curious numerical relationship between the planets—since known as *Bode's Law.*

Beginning with 0, and followed by 1, let us put down a series of numbers, doubling each successive number:

0, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256

Now multiply each of these numbers by 3:

0, 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96, 192, 384, 768

By adding 4 to each of the above numbers, we obtain a new series:

4, 7, 10, 16, 28, 52, 100, 196, 388, 772

Let us now compare this series of numbers with the distances of the planets from the sun—using as a base figure the number 10 to denote the earth's distance from the sun:

Planet	Bode's Law Distance	Actual Distance
Mercury	4	3.9
Venus	7	7.2
Earth	10	10.0
Mars	16	15.2
?	28	?
Jupiter	52	52.0
Saturn	100	95.4
Uranus	196	191.8
Neptune	?	300.7
Pluto	388	394.6

When Bode's Law was first announced in

1772, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto had not yet been discovered—so the remarkable agreement between the theoretical distances of Bode's Law and the actual distances of the known planets electrified the astronomical world. Moreover, when Uranus was discovered 9 years later, and fit very well into the planetary pattern, astronomers were more certain than ever that they had a sure mathematical formula for determining the distances of planets from the sun.

However, one item did puzzle the sky-scanners. There was a "gap" between Mars and Jupiter, whereas the formula indicated the presence of a planet. To find a solution to this riddle, six German astronomers convened in the town of Lilenthal at the close of the 18th century. Dubbed the "celestial police," each of the astronomers was given an assignment to scour the sector of space where the "wanted" planet might be hiding out.

Then, by one of the coincidences for which astronomy is famous (in 1846, for example, even as English astronomer John Couch Adams figured out mathematically where a new planet would be found, it was discovered by a German astronomer based on Frenchman Leverrier's same mathematical calculations!), on the very first day of the 19th century, an Italian astronomer named Piazzi discovered a strange new star that violated existing star-laws. Instead of remaining "fixed" in the night sky, it moved so much that Piazzi began to suspect that his stellar discovery might be a tailless comet . . . or even a hitherto undiscovered planet!

By the time Piazzi contacted the German astronomers at Lilenthal to keep a sharp lookout for it, the mystery object was lost in the blinding rays of the sun. Luckily, Piazzi had amassed sufficient data on the object to enable him to compute its orbit, and just one year after its initial observation, it was rediscovered and given the name *Ceres*.

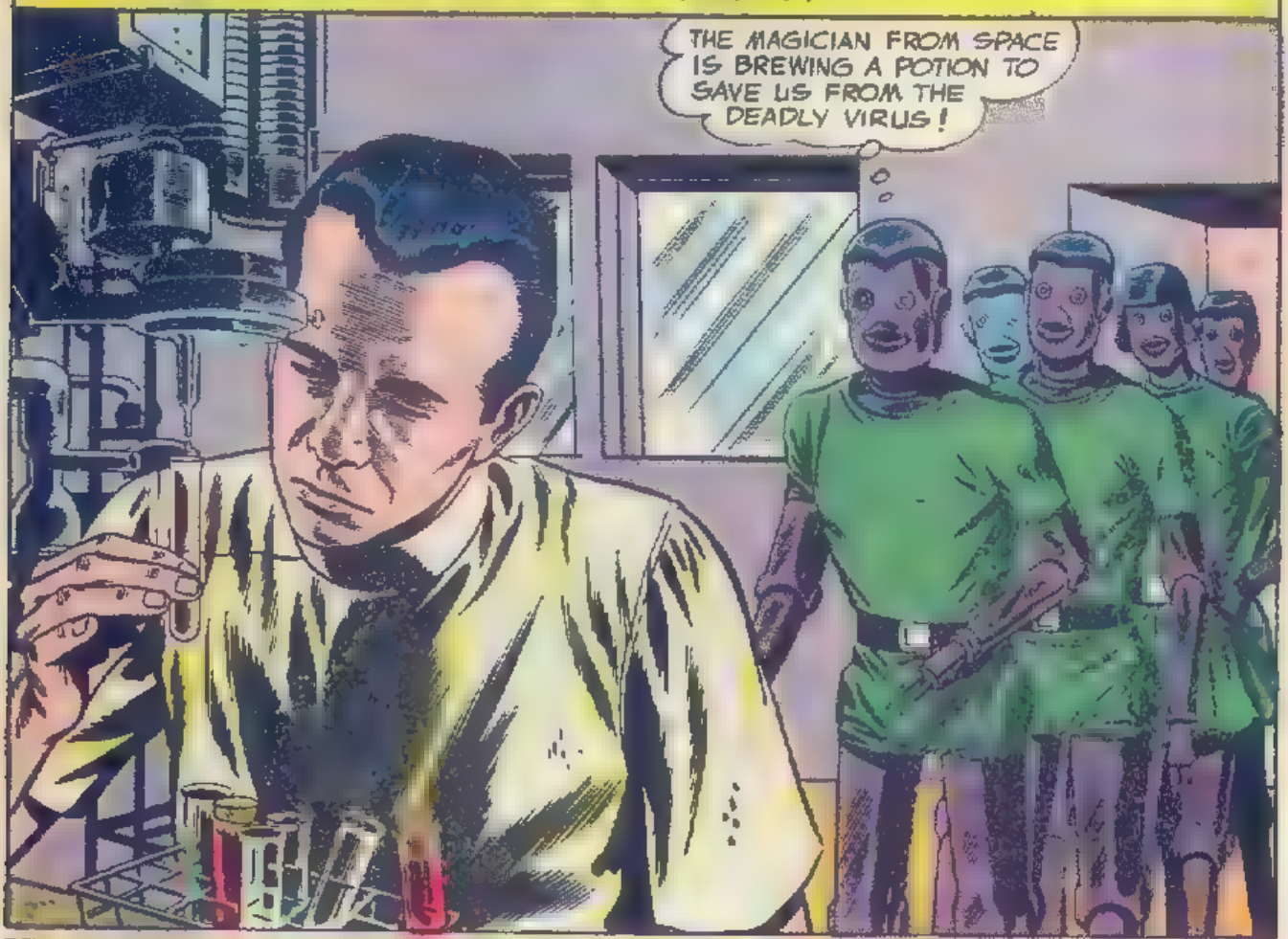
The average distance of Ceres from the sun was 27.7 on the Bode scale, remarkably close to the predicted 28 position. However, Ceres was so small that its 500 mile diameter did not entitle it to be ranked with the other planets. A year or so later, with the discovery of another planetoid named Pallas, it struck astronomers that these might be the remnants of a larger planet that had been destroyed by some cosmic accident. In the years that followed, a systematic search was undertaken for the other planetary fragments; a search that by 1950 had turned up 1500 planetoids whose orbits have been computed, plus thousands of more the presence of which is known but whose orbits have not yet been computed.

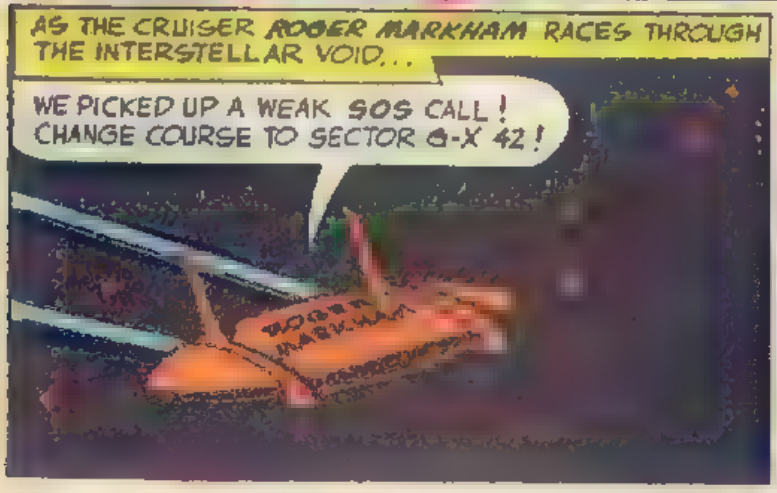
The first of these planetoids were given mythological names—Juno, Vesta, Iris, Eros, Circe, Psyche—but it soon became increasingly difficult to find enough names based on mythology. Thus, a series of strange planetoid names began to find their way into astronomical records. One was named *Hapag*, the initials of a German navigation line; another received the title of *Ekard*, so-named by a couple of members of Drake University who simply spelled Drake backwards; another is unfortunately named *Ganymede*, the same name as one of Jupiter's satellites.

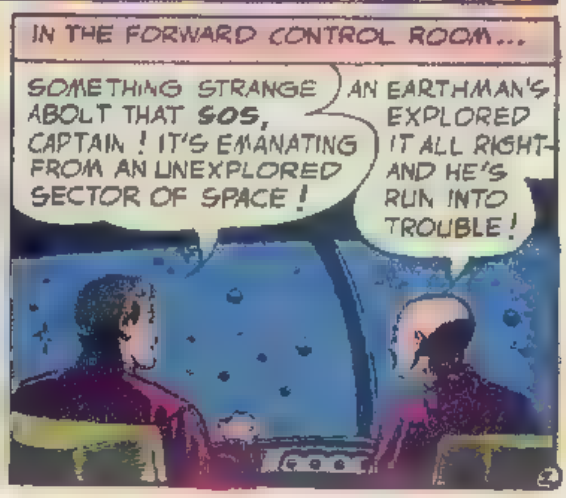
Referring back to Bode's set of figures, it can be seen that Neptune does not fit into the scheme of things. It ought not to be there, but its rightful figure 388 fits well enough if we move it back to Pluto's position. All in all, when the law first came out, it was just about as perfect as a law of this nature could be for stating the positions of the then known planets. More recently, astronomers have all but discarded Bode's law as a freak—a mathematical curiosity. Yet to regard the law entirely as an accident, says one writer, "is much like believing that a stuffed and properly labeled cockatoo in the British museum flew there from Africa, hopped through a window of the Tropical Birds Hall and alighted on the branch where the plaque had already been placed!"

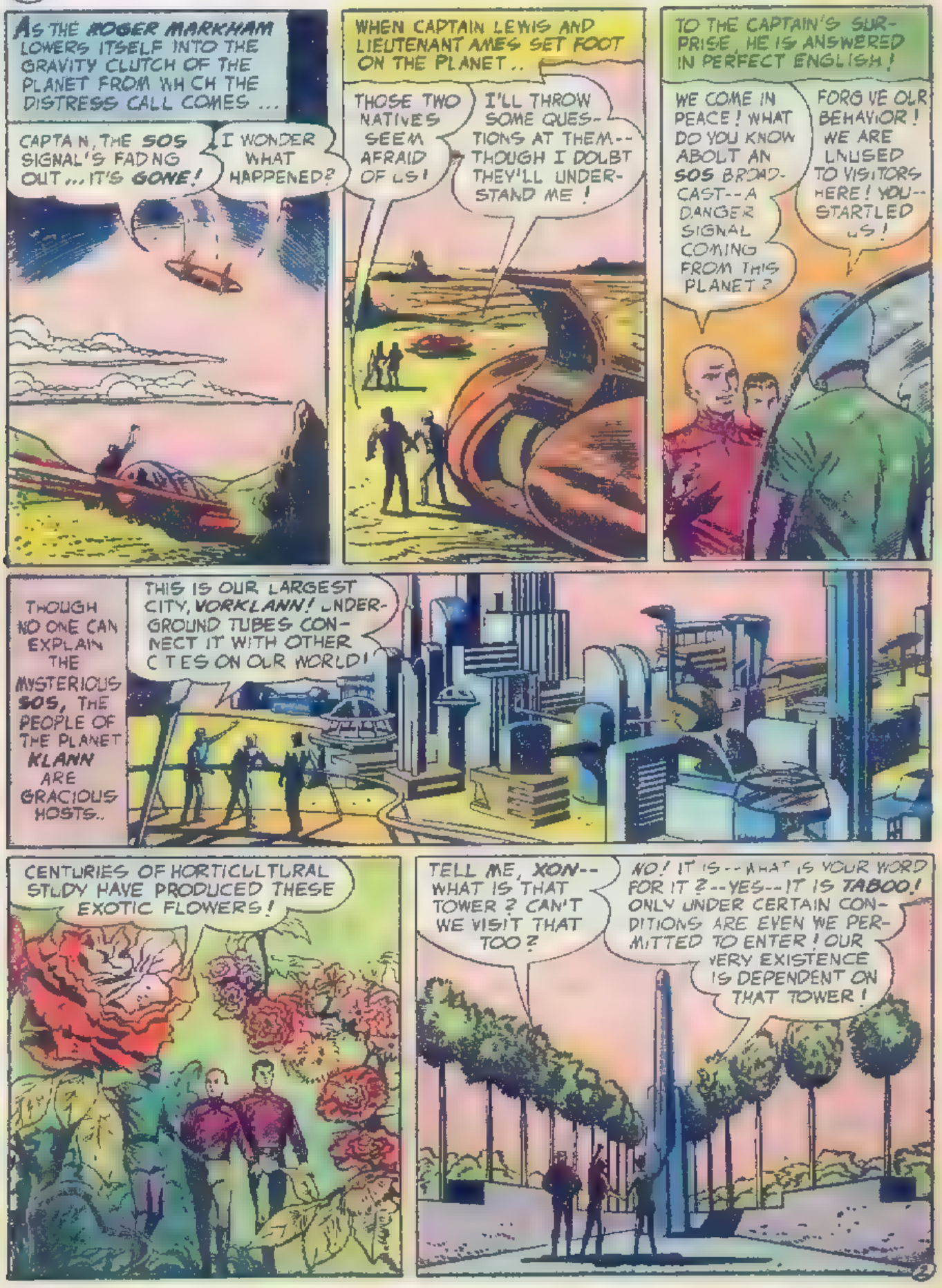
THE ROBOT magician!

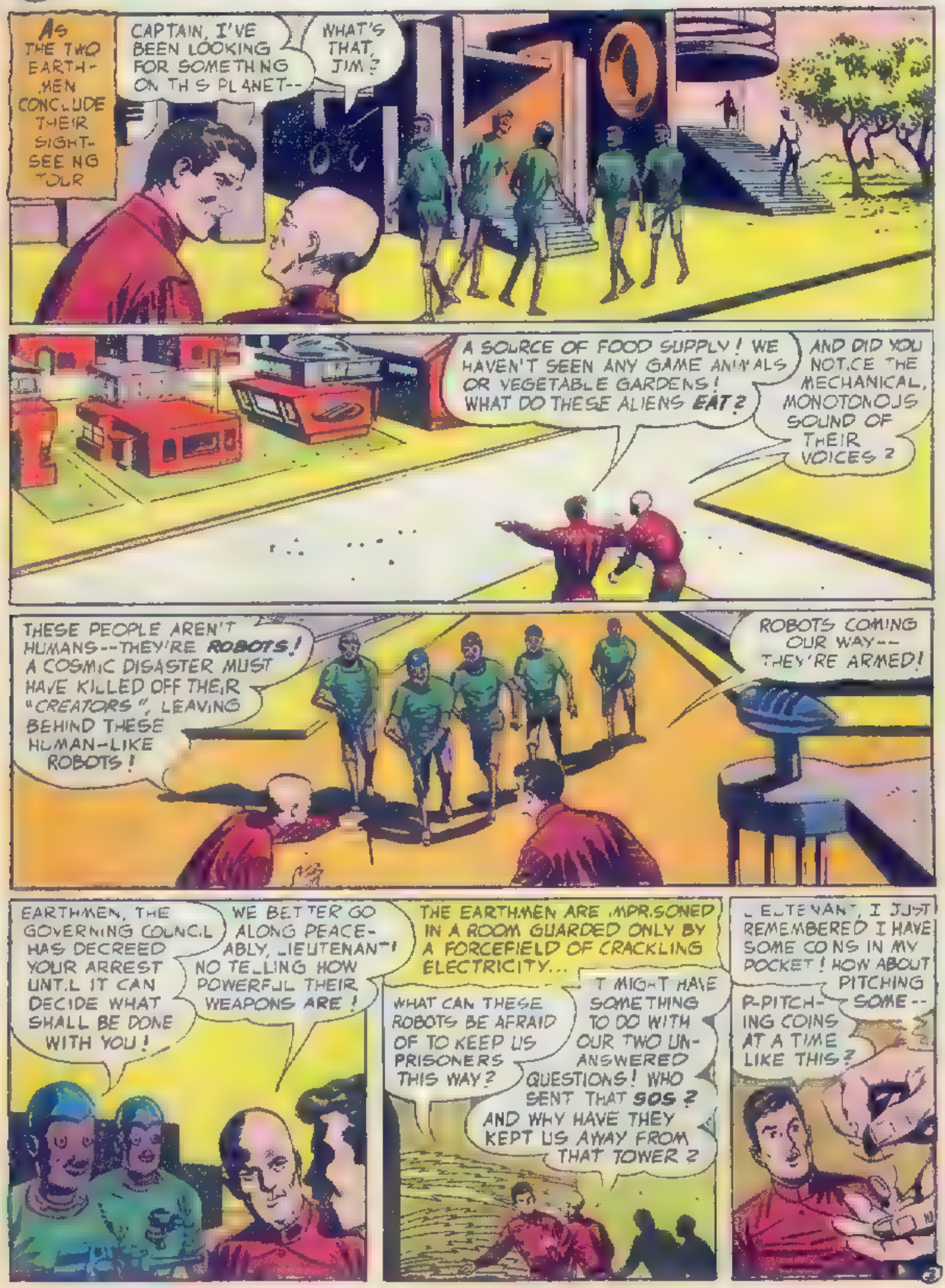
WHAT WAS THE STRANGE MAGIC THAT SPACEMAN ROGER MARKHAM USED TO PROTECT THE INHABITANTS OF THE PLANET **KLANN** FROM THE **INVISIBLE ENEMY** THAT WAS ATTACKING THEM ? WHAT UNCANNY MAGIC DID THE EARTHMAN PRACTICE TO KEEP HIMSELF ALIVE FOR 200 YEARS? MOST PUZZLING OF ALL, WHO SENT THE **SOS** FROM **KLANN**--ASKING TO BE RESCUED FROM THIS WORLD OF WONDER ?

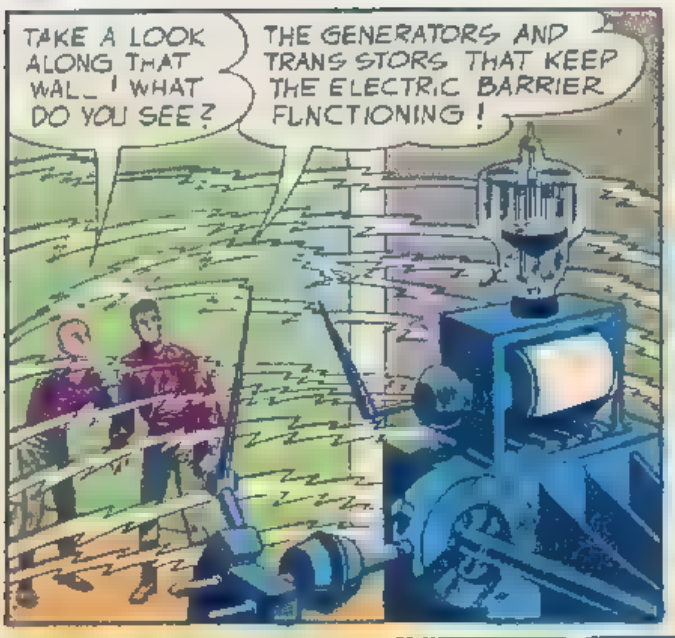


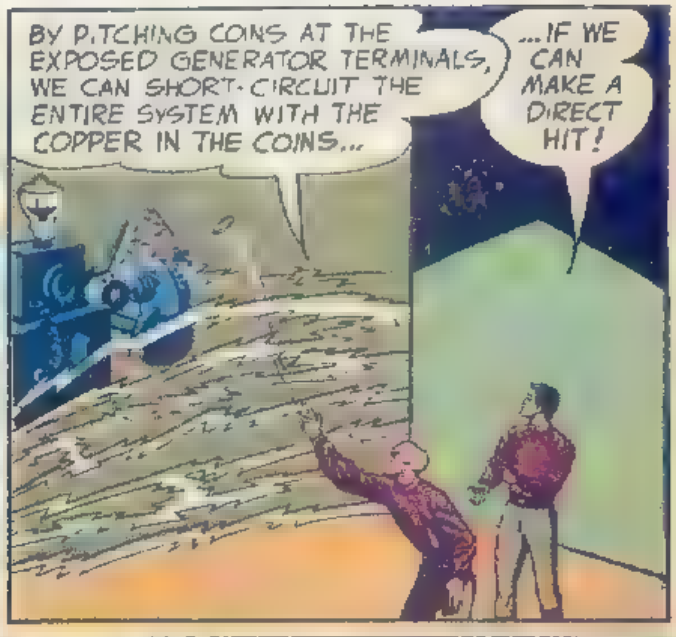

AS THE CRUISER ROGER MARKHAM RACES THROUGH THE INTERSTELLAR VOID...
WE PICKED UP A WEAK SOS CALL! CHANGE COURSE TO SECTOR G-X 42!

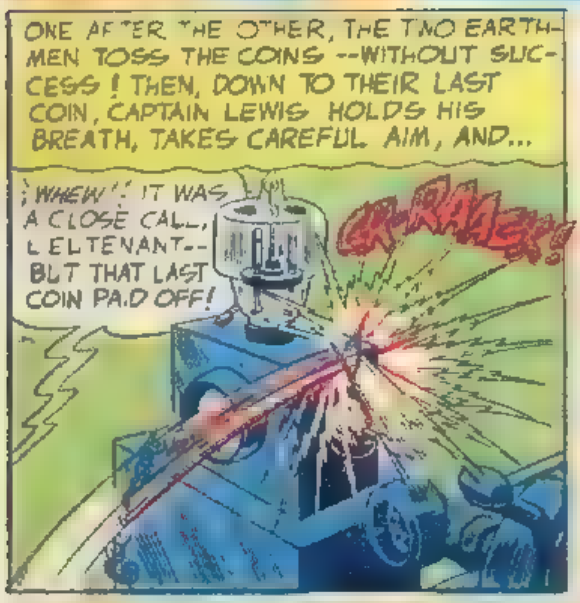

IN THE FORWARD CONTROL ROOM...
SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THAT SOS, CAPTAIN ! IT'S EMANATING FROM AN UNEXPLORED SECTOR OF SPACE !
AN EARTHMAN'S EXPLORED IT ALL RIGHT-AND HE'S RUN INTO TROUBLE!

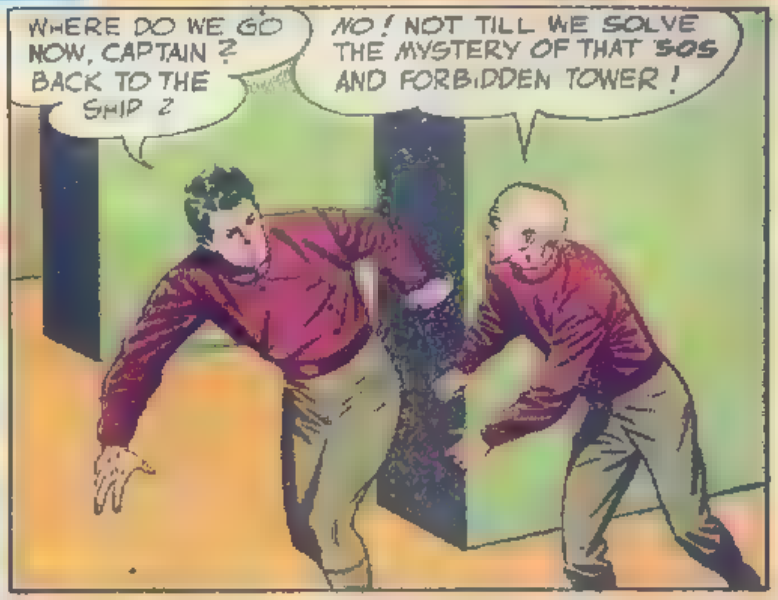

AS THE ROGER MARKHAM LOWERS ITSELF INTO THE GRAVITY CLUTCH OF THE PLANET FROM WHICH THE DISTRESS CALL COMES ...
CAPTAIN, THE SOS SIGNAL'S FADING OUT ... IT'S GONE!
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED?
WHEN CAPTAIN LEWIS AND LIEUTENANT AMES SET FOOT ON THE PLANET ..
THOSE TWO NATIVES SEEM AFRAID OF US!
I'LL THROW SOME QUESTIONS AT THEM-- THOUGH I DOUBT THEY'LL UNDERSTAND ME!
TO THE CAPTAIN'S SURPRISE, HE IS ANSWERED IN PERFECT ENGLISH!
WE COME IN PEACE! WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT AN SOS BROADCAST--A DANGER SIGNAL COMING FROM THIS PLANET?
FORGIVE OUR BEHAVIOR! WE ARE UNUSED TO VISITORS HERE! YOU-- STARTLED US!
THOUGH NO ONE CAN EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIOUS SOS, THE PEOPLE OF THE PLANET KLANN ARE GRACIOUS HOSTS..
THIS IS OUR LARGEST CITY, YORKLANN! UNDERGROUND TUBES CONNECT IT WITH OTHER CITIES ON OUR WORLD!
CENTURIES OF HORTICULTURAL STUDY HAVE PRODUCED THESE EXOTIC FLOWERS!
TELL ME, XON-- WHAT IS THAT TOWER? CAN'T WE VISIT THAT TOO?
NO! IT IS--WHAT IS YOUR WORD FOR IT?--YES--IT IS TABOO! ONLY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE EVEN WE PERMITTED TO ENTER! OUR VERY EXISTENCE IS DEPENDENT ON THAT TOWER!

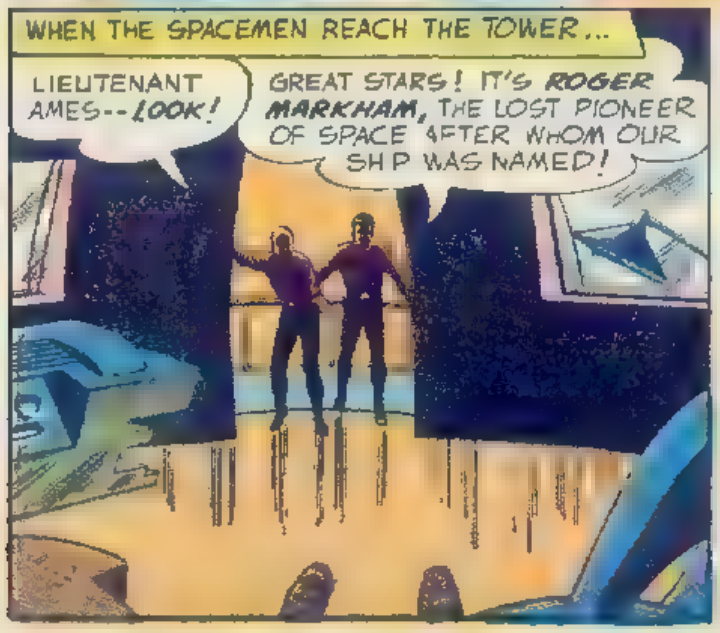

AS THE TWO EARTHMEN CONCLUDE THEIR SIGHTSEEING TOUR
CAPTAIN, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ON THIS PLANET--
WHAT'S THAT, JIM?
A SOURCE OF FOOD SUPPLY! WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY GAME ANIMALS OR VEGETABLE GARDENS! WHAT DO THESE ALIENS EAT?
AND DID YOU NOTICE THE MECHANICAL, MONOTONOUS SOUND OF THEIR VOICES?
THESE PEOPLE AREN'T HUMANS--THEY'RE ROBOTS! A COSMIC DISASTER MUST HAVE KILLED OFF THEIR "CREATORS", LEAVING BEHIND THESE HUMAN-LIKE ROBOTS!
ROBOTS COMING OUR WAY--THEY'RE ARMED!
EARTHMEN, THE GOVERNING COUNCIL HAS DECREED YOUR ARREST UNTIL IT CAN DECIDE WHAT SHALL BE DONE WITH YOU!
WE BETTER GO ALONG PEACEABLY, LIEUTENANT! NO TELLING HOW POWERFUL THEIR WEAPONS ARE!
THE EARTHMEN ARE IMPRISONED IN A ROOM GUARDED ONLY BY A FORCEFIELD OF CRACKLING ELECTRICITY...
WHAT CAN THESE ROBOTS BE AFRAID OF TO KEEP US PRISONERS THIS WAY?
IT MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH OUR TWO UNANSWERED QUESTIONS! WHO SENT THAT SOS? AND WHY HAVE THEY KEPT US AWAY FROM THAT TOWER?
LIEUTENANT, I JUST REMEMBERED I HAVE SOME COINS IN MY POCKET! HOW ABOUT PITCHING SOME--
P-PITCHING COINS AT A TIME LIKE THIS?

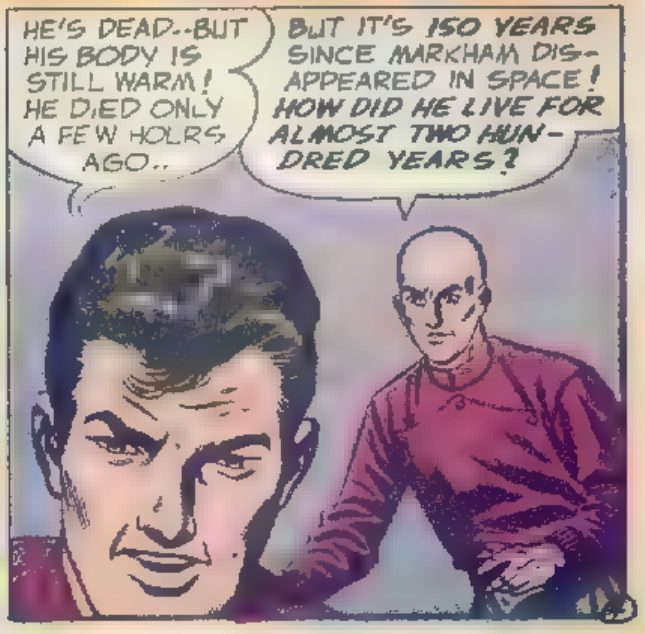

TAKE A LOOK ALONG THAT WALL! WHAT DO YOU SEE?
THE GENERATORS AND TRANSFORMERS THAT KEEP THE ELECTRIC BARRIER FUNCTIONING!

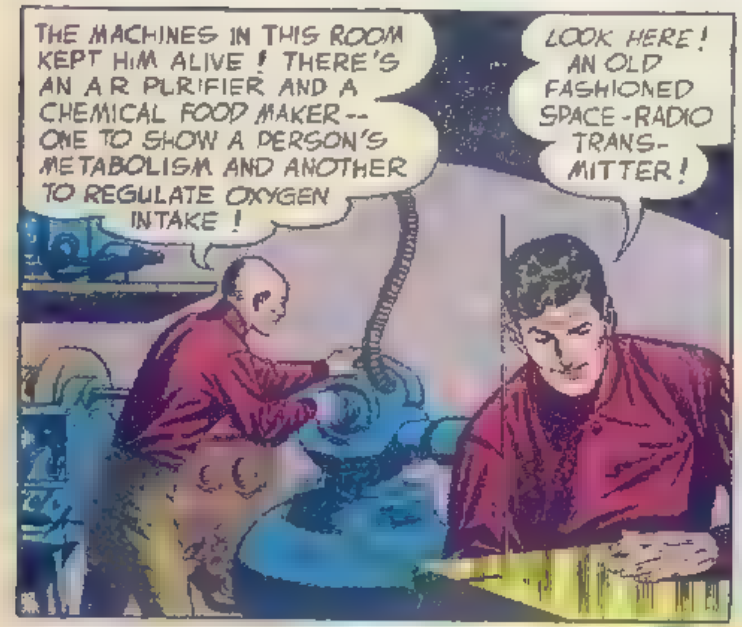

BY PITCHING COINS AT THE EXPOSED GENERATOR TERMINALS, WE CAN SHORT-CIRCUIT THE ENTIRE SYSTEM WITH THE COPPER IN THE COINS...
...IF WE CAN MAKE A DIRECT HIT!

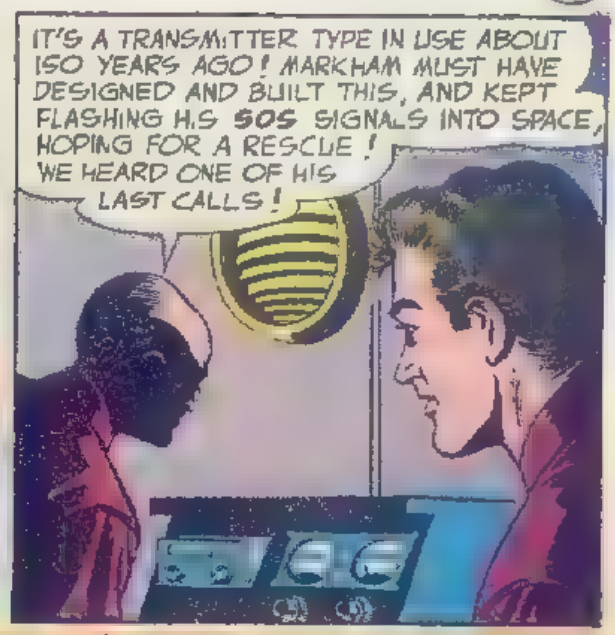

ONE AFTER THE OTHER, THE TWO EARTHMEN TOSS THE COINS --WITHOUT SUCCESS! THEN, DOWN TO THEIR LAST COIN, CAPTAIN LEWIS HOLDS HIS BREATH, TAKES CAREFUL AIM, AND...
WHEW! IT WAS A CLOSE CALL, LIEUTENANT--BUT THAT LAST COIN PAID OFF!
GR-RAAK!

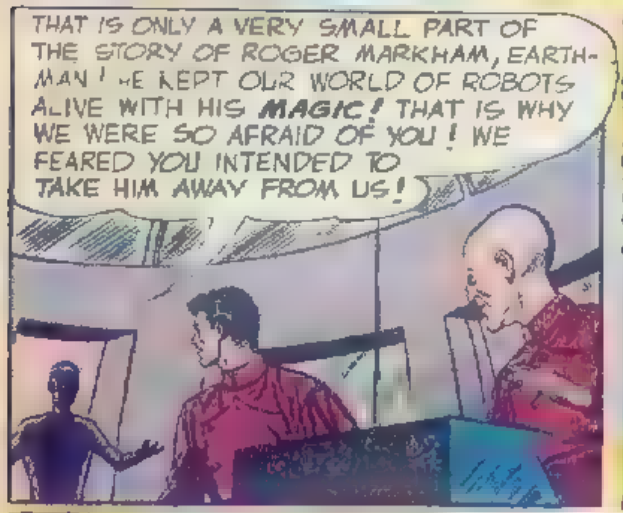

WHERE DO WE GO NOW, CAPTAIN? BACK TO THE SHIP?
NO! NOT TILL WE SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THAT SOS AND FORBIDDEN TOWER!

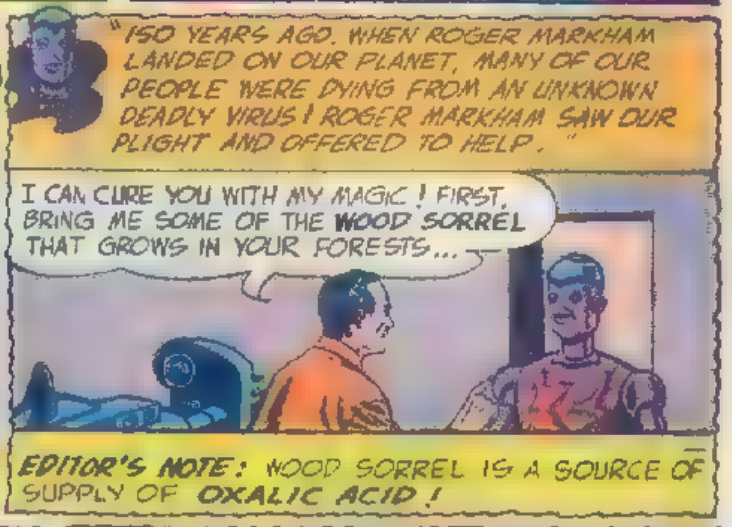

WHEN THE SPACEMEN REACH THE TOWER...
LIEUTENANT AMES--LOOK!
GREAT STARS! IT'S ROGER MARKHAM, THE LOST PIONEER OF SPACE AFTER WHOM OUR SHIP WAS NAMED!

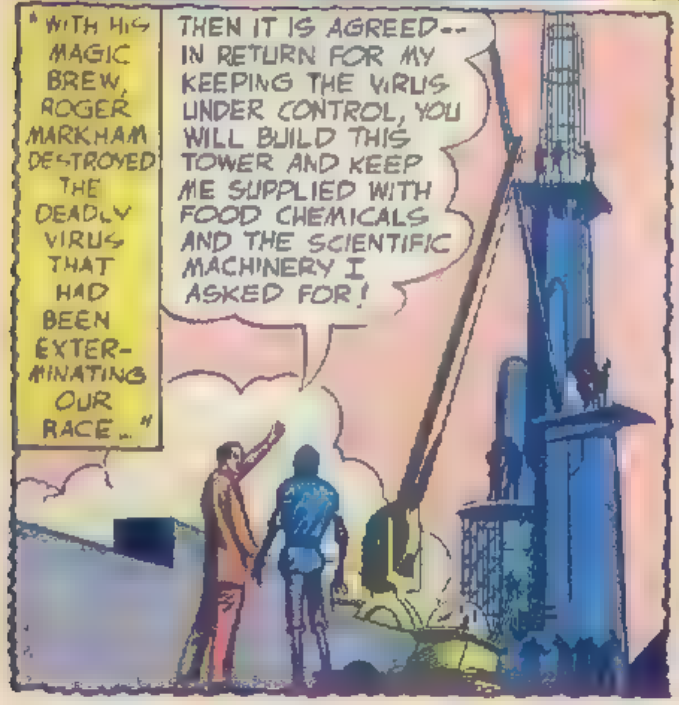

HE'S DEAD--BUT HIS BODY IS STILL WARM! HE DIED ONLY A FEW HOURS AGO..
BUT IT'S 150 YEARS SINCE MARKHAM DISAPPEARED IN SPACE! HOW DID HE LIVE FOR ALMOST TWO HUNDRED YEARS?

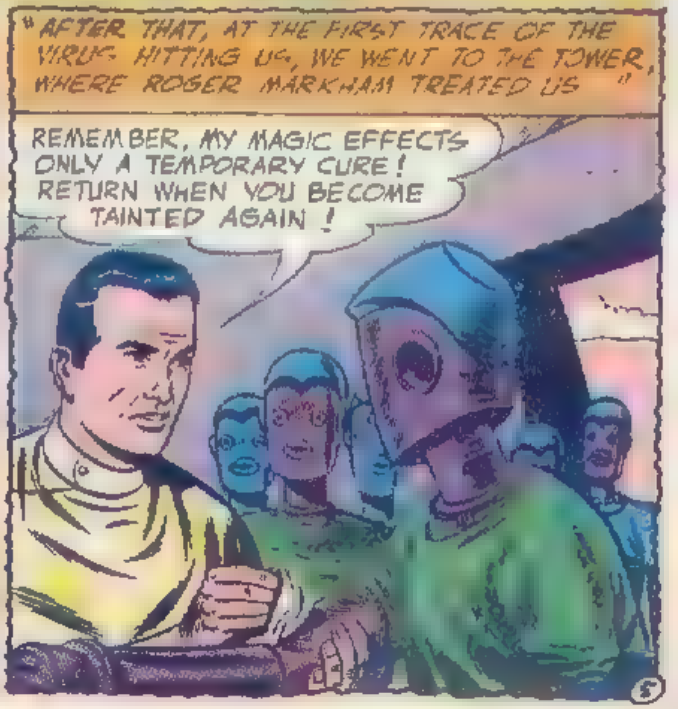

THE MACHINES IN THIS ROOM KEPT HIM ALIVE ! THERE'S AN A R PURIFIER AND A CHEMICAL FOOD MAKER -- ONE TO SHOW A PERSON'S METABOLISM AND ANOTHER TO REGULATE OXYGEN INTAKE !
LOOK HERE ! AN OLD FASHIONED SPACE-RADIO TRANS-MITTER !

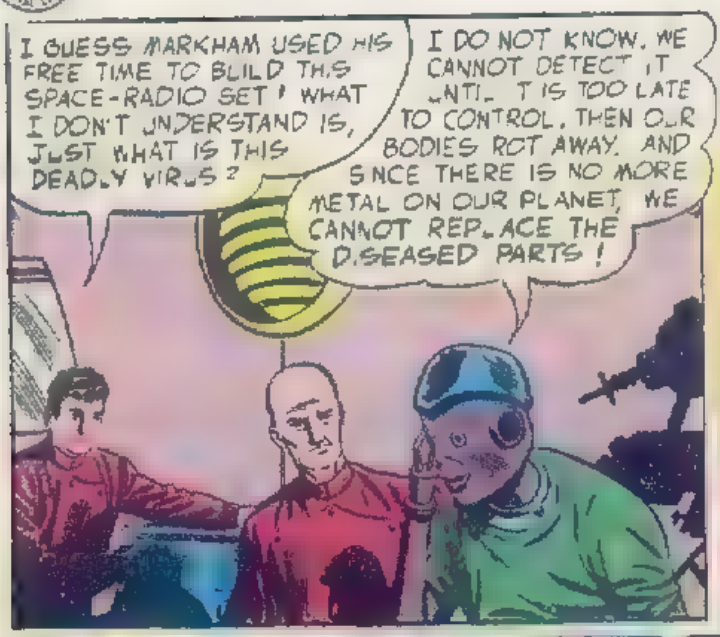

IT'S A TRANSMITTER TYPE IN USE ABOUT 150 YEARS AGO ! MARKHAM MUST HAVE DESIGNED AND BUILT THIS, AND KEPT FLASHING HIS SOS SIGNALS INTO SPACE, HOPING FOR A RESCUE ! WE HEARD ONE OF HIS LAST CALLS !


THAT IS ONLY A VERY SMALL PART OF THE STORY OF ROGER MARKHAM, EARTH-MAN ! HE KEPT OUR WORLD OF ROBOTS ALIVE WITH HIS MAGIC ! THAT IS WHY WE WERE SO AFRAID OF YOU ! WE FEARED YOU INTENDED TO TAKE HIM AWAY FROM US !

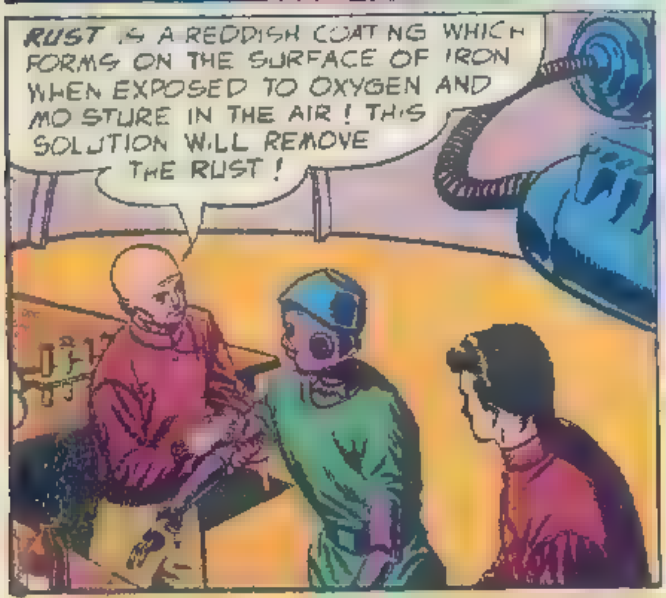

" 150 YEARS AGO. WHEN ROGER MARKHAM LANDED ON OUR PLANET, MANY OF OUR PEOPLE WERE DYING FROM AN UNKNOWN DEADLY VIRUS ! ROGER MARKHAM SAW OUR PLIGHT AND OFFERED TO HELP. "
I CAN CURE YOU WITH MY MAGIC ! FIRST, BRING ME SOME OF THE WOOD SORREL THAT GROWS IN YOUR FORESTS...
EDITOR'S NOTE : WOOD SORREL IS A SOURCE OF SUPPLY OF OXALIC ACID !

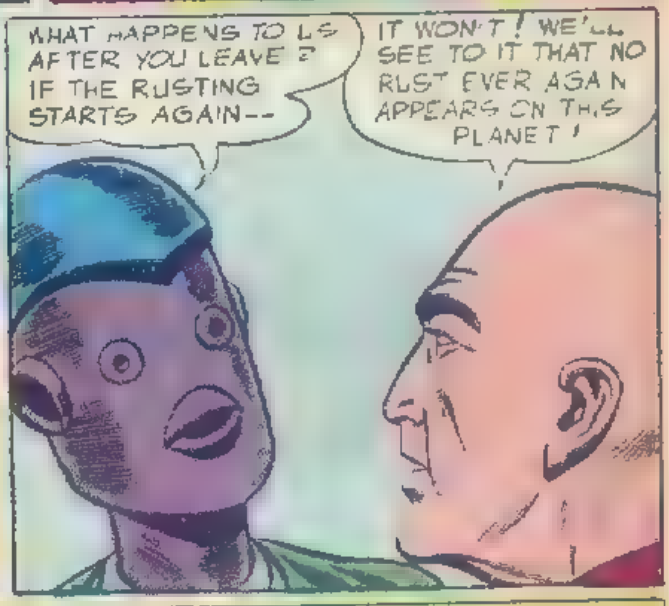

" WITH HIS MAGIC BREW, ROGER MARKHAM DESTROYED THE DEADLY VIRUS THAT HAD BEEN EXTER-MINATING OUR RACE... "
THEN IT IS AGREED -- IN RETURN FOR MY KEEPING THE VIRUS UNDER CONTROL, YOU WILL BUILD THIS TOWER AND KEEP ME SUPPLIED WITH FOOD CHEMICALS AND THE SCIENTIFIC MACHINERY I ASKED FOR !

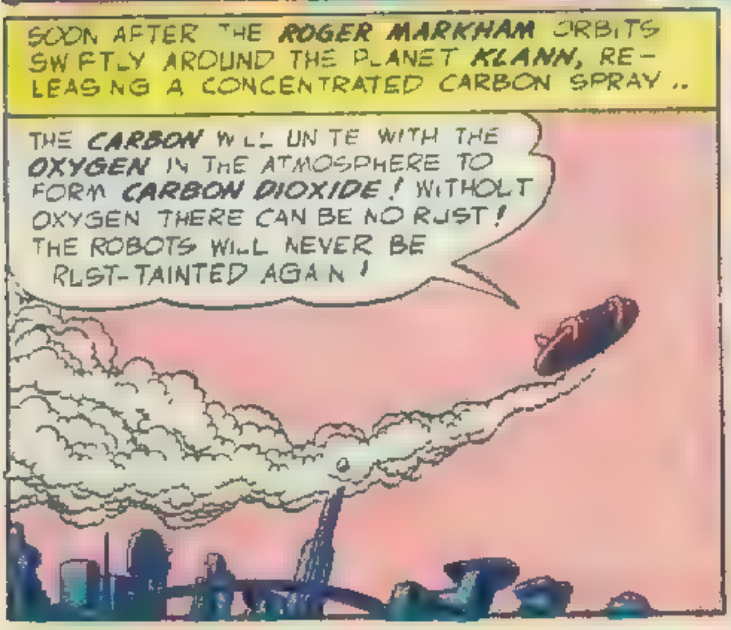

" AFTER THAT, AT THE FIRST TRACE OF THE VIRUS HITTING US, WE WENT TO THE TOWER, WHERE ROGER MARKHAM TREATED US "
REMEMBER, MY MAGIC EFFECTS ONLY A TEMPORARY CURE ! RETURN WHEN YOU BECOME TAINTED AGAIN !

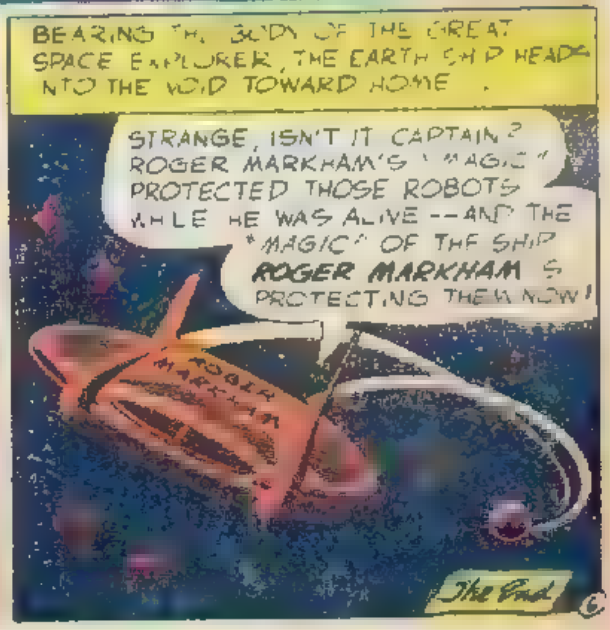

I GUESS MARKHAM USED HIS FREE TIME TO BUILD THIS SPACE-RADIO SET! WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS, JUST WHAT IS THIS DEADLY VIRUS?
I DO NOT KNOW. WE CANNOT DETECT IT UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE TO CONTROL. THEN OUR BODIES ROT AWAY. AND SINCE THERE IS NO MORE METAL ON OUR PLANET, WE CANNOT REPLACE THE DISEASED PARTS!

HERE LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THAT REDDISH COLORING ON YOUR ARM--WHY IT'S RUST!
IT'S ALL CLEAR NOW! OXALIC ACID IS A RUST-REMOVER--WHICH MARKHAM OBTAINED FROM THE JUICE OF SORREL WOOD!


RUST IS A REDDISH COATING WHICH FORMS ON THE SURFACE OF IRON WHEN EXPOSED TO OXYGEN AND MOISTURE IN THE AIR! THIS SOLUTION WILL REMOVE THE RUST!


WHAT HAPPENS TO US AFTER YOU LEAVE? IF THE RUSTING STARTS AGAIN--
IT WON'T! WE'LL SEE TO IT THAT NO RUST EVER AGAIN APPEARS ON THIS PLANET!


SOON AFTER THE ROGER MARKHAM ORBITS SWIFTLY AROUND THE PLANET KLANN, RELEASING A CONCENTRATED CARBON SPRAY..
THE CARBON WILL UNITE WITH THE OXYGEN IN THE ATMOSPHERE TO FORM CARBON DIOXIDE! WITHOUT OXYGEN THERE CAN BE NO RUST! THE ROBOTS WILL NEVER BE RUST-TAINTED AGAIN!


BEARING THE BODY OF THE GREAT SPACE EXPLORER, THE EARTH SHIP HEADS INTO THE VOID TOWARD HOME.
STRANGE, ISN'T IT CAPTAIN? ROGER MARKHAM'S "MAGIC" PROTECTED THOSE ROBOTS WHILE HE WAS ALIVE--AND THE "MAGIC" OF THE SHIP ROGER MARKHAM IS PROTECTING THEM NOW!
ROGER MARKHAM
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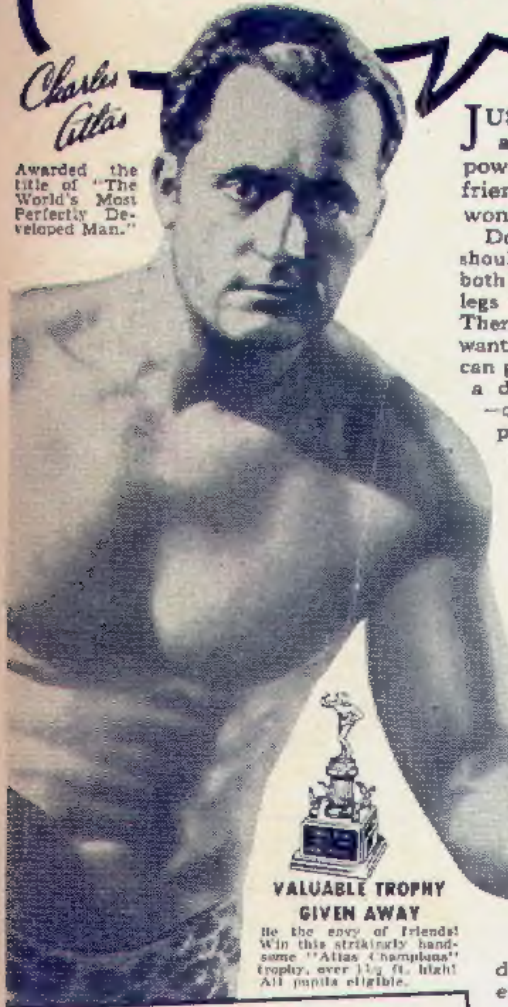

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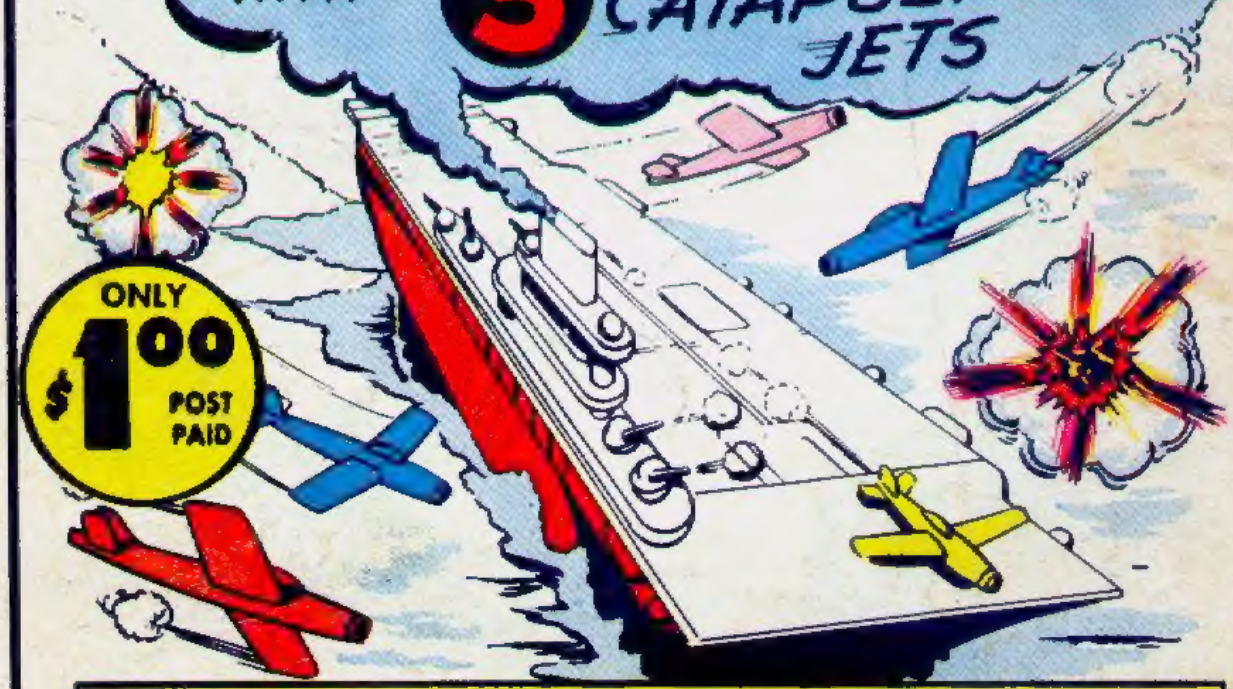

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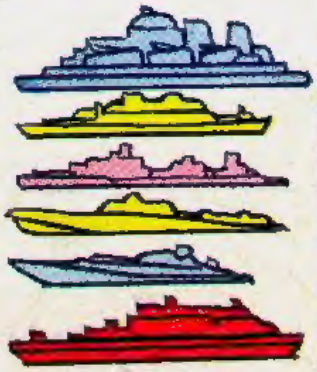

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